



RATE CUT FAILS TO COAX FIRMS

Report by Richard Guttridge

ONLY one firm has taken up a Dudley Council scheme offering reduced business rates since the move to boost the Waterfront at Brierley Hill was introduced two years ago.

The Dudley Business Investment Zone was launched to revive a once-thriving business area and aimed to create 1,600 jobs.

However, the borough council has confirmed that just one firm has benefitted from a cut in business rates since 2014.

The half-a-million pound scheme aimed to bring businesses to the 20,000 sq ft site in return for a cut in business rates.

But bosses at the council said other businesses were 'in the process of securing the benefits of the scheme'.

The scheme was first suggested five years ago to boost the half empty Waterfront development next to Dudley's Merry Hill Centre when it was suggested some of the Waterfront car parks could be developed as new offices and industrial units.

Firms that quit the Waterfront included banking giant Egg and Virgin Media.

Now council bosses say that focus has shifted from the Business Investment Zone to the Government-backed Enterprise Zone, which is set to be created at the Waterfront and create thousands of jobs.

Disappointing

The data was revealed by Dudley Council under the Freedom of Information Act.

The authority also said the original scheme had been hampered by a change in ownership at the nearby Merry Hill shopping centre.

A spokesman said: "There has been an internal operations group which has met on a few occasions but has also assessed applications electronically as a group."

"Originally the intention had been to have a more formal management group with Westfield but this stalled as a result of a change in ownership at the centre and initial discussions with Intu have focused to the degree on our aspirations around a Government sponsored Enterprise Zone."

Around 7,000 jobs are anticipated when Chancellor Philip Hammond signs off plans for the zone to make the Waterfront the 'high tech office hub' of the Black Country. The plans have been submitted to the Government.

Dudley Council's regeneration boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "It is obviously disappointing people aren't making the most of these opportunities. But there are things in the pipeline and maybe people are waiting for those plans to come into place."

Meanwhile, some of the original offices at the Waterfront have been converted into apartments.

DEVICE TO SAFEGUARD PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA



With a Pebble linked to a smartphone are, from left, telecare manager Karen Bridgwater with Elizabeth Orange and police officer Andy Arnold

A NEW gadget to prevent vulnerable people from going missing is being trialled in Dudley.

West Midlands Police has been working with Dudley Council to introduce Pebble trackers, which can be used by relatives or carers of people suffering from dementia to monitor their whereabouts. The gadgets have built-in GPS to pinpoint the location of someone who is considered at high risk.

Dudley Partnerships Team have received funding to pilot the Pebble scheme with the devices being worn around the neck using a lanyard or attached to personal belongings,

such as a bag or a dog lead. Families can text the Pebble unit number and will receive a response which includes a map showing its location. If they call and receive no response then the device will pick up background sounds to help pinpoint surroundings.

The council has already successfully introduced the technology to some residents.

Elizabeth Orange says she has seen the benefits of the Pebble in keeping tabs on her 61-year-old uncle, who had been reported as missing several times before receiving the device. She said: "I didn't want to stop him

going out after he was diagnosed with dementia but it was a real worry when I couldn't get in touch with him. The police had to find him after he went missing a couple of times."

"But the Pebble is fantastic as, even if he doesn't answer his mobile, I can keep a check on where he is. It has taken a lot of the anxiety away."

Boss of social care Councillor Qadar Zada said: "The Pebble is an innovative gadget. It can change people's lives, providing freedom to people with dementia and reassurance and peace of mind to family members and carers."

FOOTBALL

Big Sam is under fire over advice role

DUDLEY-BORN England manager Sam Allardyce has been filmed appearing to advise businessmen on how to sidestep an outlawed player transfer practice.

The ex-Bolton, West Ham and Sunderland boss met people he thought were representatives of Far East interests, but were actually reporters for the Daily Telegraph.

He was recorded apparently telling them that it was "not a problem" getting around FA rules that stop third parties "owning" football players' economic rights – a controversial practice banned by the FA.

● Boss to unveil plaque – page 5

EMERGENCY

Warning due to acid spill vapour

FIVE people – including two ambulance staff – were taken to hospital after 1,000 litres of acid spilled from a lorry, causing traffic disruption in Coseley.

Residents and businesses were told to keep windows closed after the incident on Monday morning, which saw around 70 firefighters working with Environment Agency staff in Anchor Lane. Emergency services were called shortly before noon after reports of a hydrochloric acid spill.

● Incident closes road – page 13

ACCIDENT

Motorist hurt as car hits telegraph pole

A DRIVER was taken to hospital after his car smashed into a telegraph pole in Quarry Bank.

The BMW was left badly damaged after it uprooted the telegraph pole in the head-on collision in Ambleside Road.

A car parked on a nearby driveway also suffered minor damage as a result of the incident.

The driver was treated by paramedics at the scene and taken to hospital after the smash on Sunday.

Debris from the car and the fallen telegraph pole was scattered over the pavement.

INSIDE

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS



PAGE 6




Wombourne Windows™

ORANGERIES AND CONSERVATORIES

KEEPING YOUR HOME AUTHENTIC,
SAFE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT THIS SUMMER

www.wombourne-windows.co.uk

Prepare to be spooked at safari park



Spooktacular - Dino Quest

STAFF at a safari park are getting ready to host an annual spooky spectacular event and this year there are two new attractions to experience.

The month-long festival at West Midland Safari Park starts on October 1 and includes a new adventure called Dino Quest.

Explorers will have to make their way around Land of the Living Dinosaurs, searching for the missing dinosaur. They must find it before the Mad Scientist, who is also on the hunt to capture the dinosaur. The only help the explorers will receive is clues from the

characters they meet on their way and they will only have torchlight to guide them through.

Critters

Also new for Halloween 2016 at the attraction between Kidderminster and Bewdley is Chaos at Crocular Castle, which is a puppet show where families can meet an array of creepy critters and help to rescue a princess.

Park events officer Laura Henson said the new entertainments offer something for everyone. She said: "Our Spooky Spectacular

event opens to visitors from Saturday, October 1, and runs all the way through to Halloween.

"Moving into its seventh year we have new and exciting attractions to offer everyone.

"From the late-night rides, to themed shows and spooky trails, we have it all.

"New for 2016 is our hair-raising Dino Quest and our family-friendly puppet show where guests will encounter characters such as Count Crocular, Minion Monster and Princess Scary-Fairy."

5p bag fund goes to help nature projects

THE 5p plastic bag levy is enabling thousands of pounds to go towards two Dudley Council nature reserves and a community garden project.

Saltwells Nature Reserve, Fens Pool Nature Reserve and the Growing our Community Together project will each receive a minimum of £8,000 under the Tesco Bags of Help initiative. It's being run by the supermarket and charity Groundwork.

Shoppers can boost the amount for each project to £10,000 or £12,000 by voting in participating Tesco stores.

The money will be used to create a new sculpture trail at Saltwells Nature Reserve and to make improvements to footpaths and signs around the Buckpool at Fens Pool Nature Reserve.

Orchard

Growing Our Community Together, which is a mutual collaboration between Brockmoor Primary School and the Friends of Marsh Park and Lawyer's Field.

It will utilise the money to create a community garden and orchard with new fruit trees, as well as a new learning zone for school pupils.

People can vote at the Cradley Heath Extra store and the Rowley Regis Express store for the sculpture trail.

They can also vote at Tesco stores on Bromley Lane, Moss Grove and Kingswinford High Street for the community garden or the Fens Pool project.

Voting is open in stores using checkout tokens until October 9.

Councillor Hilary Bills, Dudley Council's cabinet member for environmental services, said: "We're thrilled that our bids have been successful and we're asking the local community to vote for us, so that we can make these exciting improvements to our much loved green spaces."

Lindsey Crompton, head of community at Tesco, said: "The first round of the Bags of Help initiative was a fantastic success. In total 1,170 community groups were awarded £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000.

"That's a massive £11.7 million being invested into local projects."

All-star players in charity match



Team captains Jody Craddock and Matt Smith, centre, with the fundraising teams before the charity football match

HUNDREDS of spectators turned up at Stourbridge Football Club to watch a charity match featuring a Wolves All Star team.

The former Wolves players, captained by centre-half turned painter Jody Craddock, battled to a 2-2 draw against a team of emergency department workers from Russells Hall Hospital.

The annual match is to raise money for the emergency department at the Dudley hospital.

In the past two years the match

has raised a whopping £24,000 with plenty of corporate sponsorship and help from the Steve Bull foundation.

Last year some of the money raised went towards buying iPads so children attending the A&E would have something to help take their mind off why they were there.

The organisers, who are yet to count this year's total, are hoping to have raised a good sum.

Karen Phillips, fundraising manager for the Dudley Group NHS

Charity who organises the flagship event, said: "It went really well, even if the weather was not great. It was a good turnout which we were pleased with.

"The staff at the department all work really long hours but they were all out there trying to raise money for their own department, which was great to see. We do not know exactly how many fans came through the gates but there were plenty in the stands even though it rained. It's our main fundraiser."

Pervert is jailed after grooming 14-year-old

A 33-YEAR-OLD pervert from Dudley who had sex with a girl aged 14 several times has been jailed for more than seven years and put on the Sex Offenders Register.

Stuart Edmonds groomed the teenager with text messages before inviting her back to his flat in Dudley in January 2015, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

They had sex on up to ten occasions before the girl finally told her mother what was going on, said Mr Stuart McCartney, prosecuting.

Mr Stephen Hamblett, defending, said the offences were committed after the defendant turned to drink and drugs following a split from his partner.

Text

Edmonds, now of no fixed address, admitted three specimen charges of sexual activity with a child.

Judge Anjad Nawaz jailed him for seven and a half years.

He told Edmonds: "You sent text messages while grooming her.

"The age gap was substantial and you are a dangerous man."

He ordered that Edmonds be monitored for four years longer than normal after being regarded as suitable for release by a parole board.

The defendant was also made the subject of a Sexual Prevention Order and was put on the Sex Offenders Register for life.

Travellers move after injunction

A TRAVELLERS' camp in Wordsley Park has been moved after a council injunction was served.

About half a dozen caravans descended on the beauty spot just off Lawnswood Avenue and were moved on some four days later, last Thursday afternoon.

Councillor Paul Brothwood said: "It is local communities that are left with the bill for removal of waste. Unauthorised traveller sites should be made a criminal offence, which would allow swift action and act as a deterrent. It's just not fair on local residents. The council is not flush with cash and it becomes very costly. They're trespassing on property which they shouldn't be on."

Travellers were also recently moved from Turner's Lane, Amblecote.

Car was set ablaze at nature reserve

A CAR was abandoned and set alight at a beauty spot in Pensnett.

Firefighters were called to the Fens Pool Nature Reserve after the Peugeot 207, which had no tax or insurance, was torched on Sunday morning.

able & Bromley Carpets / Beds Family Run Est since 1978

SOFAS, VINYLs AND LAMINATES

WE DO WHAT OTHER CARPET FIRMS WON'T.
Help move heavy furniture, up lift plus take away old carpets **FREE OF CHARGE**
Shave doors. Bed assemble and disposal.

DISABLED? OAP? CAN'T GET OUT?
or anyone who just needs extra help!
Can't come to us, we'll come to YOU
We will bring 100s of carpet samples sofa and bed brochures to your door

Samantha Sofa
3+2 Fabric Sofas only **£500**

Heavy Domestic Saxony's
from **£6.99** sq yd was £14.99

Lola Leather Suite
3+2 Recliner in Black or Brown **£699**

Divan Beds
Singles from **£92**
Double from **£142**

Bleach cleanable carpets
from **£3.99** sq yd

UP TO 75% OFF 100's of rolls and end of rolls in store at knockdown prices
WE WILL BEAT YOUR BIG SUPERSTORE

Click on-line for many great prices - www.ablecarpets.co.uk

Free quotes and Planning Warehouse Unit, D Dormston Trading Est., Burton Road, Cortal DY1 3TD
OPEN: MON-SAT 9.30-5.00

Quarry Bank
Lye
Wollscote
Kinver

Stourbridge
Pedmore
Brierley Hill
Wordsley

OPEN SUNDAYS 10am-3pm

FREEPHONE 0800 0853747 **COVERS ALL AREAS** **Adrian Bromley 01902 880541**

WE ARE HERE

Wedding Fayre
Sunday 2nd October

Himley Hall, nr Dudley

11am to 4pm
Over 25 Exhibitors

There will be an entrance charge of £1.00 (a donation will be made to Cancer Support)

Children have Free Entry
Brides can pre-register for Free Entry

Refreshments Available
Still a few stands available, if you are a specialist service provider and would like information and brides wishing to pre-register

Gown modelled by Beth Allen, Kingswinford

Contact 01384 866165
Email: annerobinson2006@yahoo.co.uk

BROKEN DENTURES?
AT THE DENTAL SHOP

Need Your Dentures Repairing Fast Well Look No Further We Are The Leading Specialists In Denture Repairs!

We Also Offer A Denture Cleaning Service!

01384 413444 Emergency Weekend
07701 067261 Repair Service Available

The Dental Shop 231 233 Halesowen Road, Old Hill, B64 6BE

Footworks Chiropody
The Registered Chiropodists

Ingrown Toe Nails Treated
Toe Nail Cutting and Trimming
Diabetic Foot Care
General Foot Care
Callus Reduction

Home Visit Service Also Available
01384 413444

201 - 203 Halesowen Road, Old Hill, B64 6BE

Wolves skipper to open new market

WOLVES captain Danny Bath will open a new Sunday market in Dudley town centre this weekend.

The Brierley Hill-born defender will launch the outdoor market along with Mayor of Dudley Councillor Mohamed Hanif. It will be held on the Flood Street car park for the first time this Sunday.

Stalls will be open every Sunday from 10am to 4pm and will include a variety of produce, clothing, crafts and antiques.

Bath, aged 26, has made nearly 150 appearances for Wanderers.

Plan to demolish pub for housing

A PUB in Sedgley will be knocked down under new plans which would see eight homes being built in its place.

The Leopard Inn, on Dudley Road, will be bulldozed if the plans get the backing of councillors. New properties would be built on the site of the pub and its 46-space car park.

Three sets of semi-detached houses would be built facing Dudley Road while other properties would be created looking onto Valley Road, under the plans submitted by Ling Developments to Dudley Council planners.

Scarycanary date for Bluetones man

A SINGER-SONGWRITER who fronted a popular 1990s band will be performing in Stourbridge next month.

Bluetones frontman Mark Morris will be taking to the stage of Scarycanary The Venue, on High Street, on October 1.

New songs and Bluetones favourites will be performed on the night. Tickets cost £8 in advance or £10. Doors open 7pm. To book visit www.wegotickets.com/event/367523

Coffee and cake with MP to help Macmillan

DUDLEY South MP Mike Wood will be taking part in The World's Biggest Coffee Morning event to raise money for cancer charity Macmillan.

The event will take place at his new constituency office in Wordsley, 111A High Street, tomorrow (Friday), running from 10am to 2pm.

It is being held as part of Macmillan national awareness campaign which is run every year. Turn up on the day to take part and make a small donation for a coffee and slice of cake.

Studio raid arrest

A STOURBRIDGE man has been arrested after a break-in at Black Country Radio. Police were called to the voluntary-run station's premises at St John's United Reform Church in Stourbridge on September 9. "A 38-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of burglary," said police.

Residents in meetings with police over crime

RESIDENTS in an area of Stourbridge say they are worried about the lack of a police presence on their streets, in the midst of a spate of burglaries.

Concerns have been raised about a rise in crime, with homeowners on the Caledonia Estate in Lye complaining officers are not seen often enough in the area.

The Caledonia Residents Association has highlighted that in the last two weeks there have been several burglaries and other thefts in the area.

Chairwoman of the Caledonia Residents association, Gaynor Spencer said: "We are starting to see an increase in burglaries in the Lye and Stourbridge areas."

Inspector Ray James from West Midlands Police held a meeting with the association.

Ms Spencer said: "We discussed the lack of police presence over the past few years and we politely advised him that police relations with the local community had fallen, and that most people had no faith any more in our local police."

"Hopefully we can help to restore community relations over the next few years."

"They are now finding themselves understaffed and have had to spread very thinly over a larger area."

Association members will also be attending the next police and communities meeting on October 12 at 7pm at Lye Town Football Club.

Scissors threat to bank cashier

A THUG threatened a cashier with a pair of scissors during a robbery at a branch of Lloyds Bank in the Black Country.

The crook struck at the bank in Cradley Heath at around 10.20am on September 20. Brandishing a pair of scissors he demanded money from the cashier at the High Street branch.

Kate Baker, for West Midlands Police, said: "A man demanded money from a cashier before fleeing with a quantity of cash."

A Lloyds Bank spokesman said: "We can confirm an incident took place at our Cradley Heath branch. As a police investigation is ongoing, we are unable to comment further."

Call police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Proposals for 18 homes at Stewkins

EIGHTEEN homes are set to be built off the main A491 in Stourbridge.

The plans are for the two-bedroom homes in Stewkins, Audnam. The proposals will now be assessed by planners at Dudley Council.

Tributes to referee who reached the top



Whistle in hand, cup final ref Ken Burns

FROM Buffery Park in Dudley to the European Cup at Bayern Munich's Olympiastadion München less than 20 years later - Black Country referee Ken Burns was a football official who rose to the very top of his game.

He is also believed to have been the youngest league referee, officiating a game at Mansfield Town's Field Mill aged 30.

The 85-year-old, who retired from officiating in 1978, has died following a battle with cancer. He lived in the Stourbridge area all his life.

He served for 17 years as a football

league referee and nine years at international level.

His brother, Peter Burns, said: "He liked to see fair play, he always wanted to let sides play without the constant blowing of the whistle."

"He wanted the crowd to be entertained but, of course, being a referee, there was sometimes controversy."

Ken was born in Dudley in 1931, and attended Dudley Grammar School. He played football locally for a team called Blowers Green Rangers.

He was called up to National Service aged 18 and was stationed in

Bishops Auckland, where he continued to play until injury.

Arguably the most famous game he officiated was the FA Cup Final between Leeds and Sunderland in 1973. He also officiated three European Cup quarter finals including Bayern Munich's victory against Ajax in 1973.

He was President of the Referees' Association for 10 years between 1972 to 82 and later a referee assessor for FIFA.

His brother Peter added: "He was a tremendous person who was dedicated to the game."

Scientist is making a stand against cancer

A SCIENTIST from Stourbridge, who is researching ways to improve cancer treatment, has teamed up with a national charity and TV's Channel 4 after surviving the disease herself.

Dr Beth Lucas, aged 27, was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma at the age of 24, while in the final year of her PhD at the University of Birmingham.

Working with Professor Graham Anderson and Dr William Jenkinson at the University of Birmingham, Beth's research receives support from the Stand Up To Cancer campaign. It seeks to benefit patients who need bone marrow transplants as part of their treatment.

Beth, who is in remission, is aware that she may need a bone marrow transplant if her cancer returns. She first noticed something was wrong in September 2014 when she discovered a lump near her collarbone. She said: "It felt a bit like an olive under my skin but you couldn't see it. I had no other symptoms except for itchy skin, which at the time I'd attributed to an allergy. I became concerned it might be lymphoma."

"Once the initial shock was over, I tried to put a brake on the emotions because I knew I had to get through whatever was needed to save my life."

Chemotherapy

Beth was treated with chemotherapy for four months, leaving her tired and nauseous and resulting in hair loss. The treatment weakened her immune system, which meant she was highly susceptible to infections.

"In addition to coming to terms with my diagnosis, I also had to think about my future fertility," said Beth. "I always knew I would want to start a family at some point and was given the opportunity to freeze eggs or embryos before starting chemotherapy. It was suddenly a critical decision that needed to be made quickly."

After completing her PhD, Beth went on to work as a post-doctoral research fellow under Prof Anderson, looking at ways to boost the immune system following stem cell transplantation. Their work is supported by Stand Up To Cancer, as well as the Medical Research Council.

"I'm passionate about wanting to make a difference in medical research," said Beth. "Being a patient myself has reinforced the importance of the research we're doing."

Launched in 2012, Stand Up To Cancer has raised more than £25 million towards innovation in cancer treatment. Channel 4 will devote an evening of live TV coverage to the campaign on October 21.



Cancer survivor Beth Lucas is researching the disease with Professor Graham Anderson in Birmingham

Groups urged to apply for funding

AN MP has urged Black Country groups to apply for funding from two new schemes.

The £1.5 million Postcode Local Trust has opened a new round of applications for environmental projects. Meanwhile, Aviva has launched a community fund that can award up to £25,000 for local community projects.

The Aviva funding is available

for projects across a range of categories including supporting the elderly, health and wellbeing and community sport.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has written to a number of groups in the borough to make them aware of the opportunities. He has offered to support local bids for funding.

Mr Austin said: "Black Country people are the most generous

in Britain, so we have lots of brilliant local community groups and charities."

"Working with local groups we've managed to get funding for sports clubs, schools and parks. Applying for one of these funds could help get a new project off the ground, so I'm ready to throw my support behind any local groups who are interested in making a bid."

ELV RECYCLING LTD



- Vehicle Recovery, Depollution and Disposal
- Top Prices Paid • DVLA Certificate of Destruction
- Authorised Treatment Facility

• NEW PARTS DEPARTMENT NOW OPEN!
• Parts Line Call Direct 07875 470537

All makes and models including tyres and batteries, cheap prices, delivery available, 1 month's warranty on all parts

Opening times: Monday-Friday 8.30am-4.30pm and Saturday 8.30 am-1.00 pm

Fast and Friendly Service
ELV Recycling (Mids) Ltd Brierley Hill
01384 77308

WOODSTOCK TIMBER SUPPLIES LTD

Large stocks of sawn timber P.S.E. & Sheet Materials We specialise in timber to the trade and DIY market



SPECIAL DEALS ON SHED MATERIALS LOG LAP, SHIP LAP, FEATHER EDGE & NEW SLEEPERS

Contact Nigel or Dave
Old Bush Street, Off Level Street,
Brierley Hill, West Midlands
Tel: 01384 572541

It's time to put your foot down on fungal nail infection!

Research shows that laser treatment is a safe and effective procedure, with some studies reporting a success rate of up to 90% at three months!

By using advanced medical lasers that penetrate into the nail bed we can now treat and cure your fungal nail infection. It is now possible to get amazing results.

Before Treatment

After 6 Treatments



Our Summer Nails Offer

One Hand or Foot was £100 NOW £65
Both Hands or Feet was £150 NOW £100
Price per treatment

TO BOOK OR FOR A FREE CONSULTATION

Call us: 01384 824039

58B South Road Norton, Stourbridge DY8 3YB

email us: info@tejandco.co.uk visit us at: www.tejandco.co.uk

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



HOW low interest rates work. A friend foolishly forgot to take a bag to the supermarket and had to buy a plastic bag for 5p. He suddenly realised 5p was exactly the monthly income on his savings account.

THERE is a cynical old saying in journalism that bad news is good news. For Romanians, however, it works the other way: good news is bad news. And this week's think-tank report showing Britain is doing fine after the Brexit vote is the worst of all news. The bad-loser tendency is now clutching to the straw that, if Armageddon has not yet happened, it will soon, just you wait and see. As one contributor to the Guardian website puts it lyrically: "What is their world if it does not have a sky that is forever imminently falling?"

WE were in Yorkshire this week to meet up with the extended family and pay tribute to a relative, Private Alvin Smith, who was killed in the Battle of the Somme exactly 100 years ago, aged just 20. The event was neither showy nor maudlin, just the laying of a posy and a photograph at the village war memorial. And if 100 years seems a long time ago, consider this. The population is growing older and the number of centenarians increases by hundreds every year. Believe it or not, there are more than 14,000 British people alive today who were alive in September 1916 when Private Smith was alive. Not so long ago, after all.

OUR trip to Yorkshire caught one of those wonderful Indian summer weekends. The Dales shimmered in the heat and canalside Skipton was as pretty as a little Venice and nowhere near as smelly. We stayed in a cottage by a swing-bridge on the Leeds & Liverpool canal and sipped chilled wine in a grime-stained stone courtyard as the narrowboats bumbled by. What is it about boats? The moment people climb aboard they start waving at other people. If you were both on solid ground and this close, folk would think you mad. But bring a boat into the equation and the waving begins. Cooeey! Most odd.

A REVIEW carried out by the BBC shows that its journalists are paid up to 40 per cent more than those working for commercial competitors. No surprises there. The rivals have to earn their money while Auntie Beeb gets an annual bung of £4,000 million from the public purse. It's easy to be generous with other people's money.

THERE were too many idiotic driving moments to report them all but for sheer style the lorry driver who stopped, swung his wheel over and performed a three-point turn on the Skipton by-pass, blocking both lanes as the traffic slithered to a halt.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Public transport pervert is jailed

A PERVERT who took pictures up the skirts of women after cornering them on trains and buses has been jailed for four years.

Robert Osbourne was branded a danger to the public and will be closely monitored on his release from prison.

The 41-year-old had a string of previous convictions before launching his latest wave of offending, Wol-

verhampton Crown Court heard. He struck five times in seven months taking photos on each occasion and grabbing the thigh of one of the victims, said Mr Simon Burch, prosecuting.

The first offence occurred after the defendant boarded a bus at Dudley Bus Station on November 26, 2013. Osbourne struck again during a train journey to Cradley Heath and on a

further occasion took the photograph after following a woman into a block of flats in Birmingham.

On May 9, 2014, he befriended a woman on a bus from Birmingham to Brierley Hill, sat next to her and pushed his hand up her skirt. Then he targeted a woman on a train at Snow Hill, Birmingham, on June 11.

Osbourne was finally traced through the distinctive jacket worn

while committing the first offence that revealed he belonged to a particular biker club.

Mr John Evans, defending, conceded that the previous convictions of Osbourne stretched back almost 20 years.

The defendant from Ashenhurst Road, Dudley, pleaded guilty to one assault and four sexual assaults and was sent to prison.

Thief jailed after bid to sell stolen Xbox console

A PROLIFIC thief caught red-handed trying to sell stolen property has been locked up for 20 months.

Lee Bastable offered an Xbox for sale to staff at a shop in the Merry Hill Shopping Centre on March 21, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

When the games console's serial number was checked it was found to have been stolen during a break-in at a house three days earlier and the police were called, explained Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting.

The 33-year-old defendant was arrested and a search of his home unearthed electrical equipment taken during another burglary.

In addition, Bastable was later identified through CCTV footage taken at a store in Blackheath on February 16 where he unsuccessfully tried to sell a laptop and camera that had been taken in a burglary earlier the same day.

Screwdriver

The defendant had also been seen on January 31 attempting to break into a house in Beeches Road, Blackheath, using a screwdriver found in a garden shed.

He gave up and fled after realising he had been spotted by a neighbour who later identified him as the culprit.

Bastable, of Frederick Court, Highgate Road, Walsall, pleaded guilty to handling stolen property and to attempted burglary and was jailed by Judge Marcus Tregilgas-Davey.

MP's thanks for foodbank gifts

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin has thanked kind-hearted Black Country folk for their 'stunning' donations to foodbank collections that he helped organise.

People handed over 538.5kgs of food and 18.5kgs of toiletries to Black Country Foodbank volunteers at the Tesco Extra store at Burnt Tree.

All collections will go towards helping families who are struggling.

Mr Austin worked with foodbank volunteers and Tesco staff to organise the collections, which will take place twice a year.

The next collections for the Black Country Foodbank will take place in May 2017.

Mr Austin said: "What a stunning response from kind-hearted, community-spirited Black Country folk."

Local history day at the borough archives

A LOCAL history day is being held at the Dudley Archives and Local History Centre on Saturday from 10am to 4pm with free admission. There will be displays by family and local history societies from across the Black Country at the Tipton Road centre.

Radiographer struck off after X-ray gaffes

By Richard Guttridge

A RADIOGRAPHER who made a series of errors at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital – including giving an X-ray to the wrong child and forgetting to put an arm brace back on a patient – has been struck off.

Health bosses took action over Blessing Chabvumurambo after her failings were brought to light. The radiographer had previously been given a final warning after performing an X-ray on the wrong child in July 2012.

A Health and Care Professions Council hearing was told she took only partial identity checks before taking the child in for X-ray. She then received a call asking why the actual patient waiting to be seen had not yet been treated.

In April 2013, the radiographer made another serious gaffe when an arm brace which was removed from a patient with a fractured wrist was not returned after going for X-ray. Mrs Chabvumurambo left for the day without re-attaching it.

Mistakes

On the same shift, she produced an X-ray image which was not of diagnostic quality and then did not carry out the required X-ray or mention it when she finished her shift.

The radiographer was struck off for 12 months after experts decided she was not fit to work in hospitals as they could not be confident she would not make more mistakes.

The panel said she had 'failed to identify in what way she has addressed her lack of competence and how the failings would not be repeated in the future'.

Mrs Chabvumurambo, who did not attend the hearing, had worked for the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust from 2010 until she resigned in June 2013.

Panel chair Jennifer Rogers said: "The panel was of the view that Mrs Chabvumurambo's fitness to practise remains impaired."

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust declined to comment.

War hero meets youngsters at school



Iraq war veteran and fundraiser Karl Hinett visits Old Park Special School and shows pupil Dominic an Olympic torch

A BLACK Country war hero brought a smile to the faces of youngsters during a visit to a special school.

Karl Hinett brought his Olympic torch along to Old Park Special School in Brierley Hill, which he carried in the run-up to London 2012.

Karl, from Tipton, suffered 37 per cent burns to his hands, limbs and face after his tank was petrol-bombed in Iraq in 2005. He has since gone on to take part in a range of fundraising events and visited the school to talk about his experiences.

School leaders were also keen to show pupils people can still achieve their dreams despite suffering adversity.

Teacher Rose White said: "We wanted him to come in

following the end of the Paralympics as he has carried the torch for both the Olympics and the Paralympics and we asked if he would bring his torch with him.

"One of the children asked him how long it has been since he was injured and what the weight of the torch was.

"The main ethos of Karl coming in was 'you can do it' and that you can overcome anything."

Since leaving the army Karl has dedicated much of his time to fundraising for the charity at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital, completing several races, including in the Alps and Bavarian mountains.

And Karl's visit went down a treat with the pupils at Old Park.

KITCHENS TO SUIT ALL BUDGETS

A beautiful range of kitchens from modern style with Corian worktops and moulded sinks, to more traditional styles with granite worktops and Belfast sinks



Over 30 years of experience in the design and installation of quality kitchen furniture

Also available: replacement doors, worktops, sinks and appliances

FITTED KITCHEN SPECIALISTS

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM WE HAVE 12 STYLES OF KITCHENS ON DISPLAY

155 Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge

01384 443432 www.ajldesign.co.uk



Halesowen Fireplaces

AT THE HEART OF YOUR HOME

Complete Fireplace Packages from £499

(including fire)



STORAGE HEATERS NOW IN STOCK

For a range of Gas and Electric Fires and Surrounds visit our showroom (opposite Tyre City on Long Lane)

Telephone 0121 559 9985



Unit 14, Long Lane Trading Estate, Long Lane, Halesowen B62 9LD

www.halesowenfireplaces.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Claughton class of '76 in reunion

FORMER pupils of Sir Gilbert Claughton School in Dudley are getting back together for a 40 year reunion next month.

The Class of '76 are meeting up on Saturday, and it will be the first time many of them have met up since they left the secondary school four decades ago. The school in Blowers Green Road closed in 1990.

Anyone who was in the same year group as Malcolm Braham or Jackie Day should contact Paul Floyd on 07941 439231 to find out about the place and time for the event.

More than 200 homes for site

MORE than 200 homes will be built on a derelict industrial estate at Rowley Regis after plans to renovate the area were backed by councillors.

Empty warehouses will be bulldozed at the Excelsior Industrial Estate, off Cakemore Road, Rowley Regis, and homes and businesses built in their place.

Up to 209 homes will be created at the 8.7 hectare site, which is less than 100 yards from Rowley Regis train station, after members of Dudley Council's planning committee unanimously backed the proposals.

Poison pair are to haunt house

HADEN Hill House will be turned into a haunted house this autumn when theatre company Don't Go Into The Cellar performs at the venue.

On October 13 The Friends of Haden Hill Estate has invited the theatre company to return to Haden Hill House with Murder by Gaslight, an audience with two of the most infamous poisoners in British history – William Palmer and Harvey Crippen. Tickets are £7 including refreshments for performances at 6pm and 8pm.

Opera Aida staged at Dormston Mill Theatre

WEST Bromwich Operatic Society will perform Aida, Verdi's opera set in ancient Egypt, from Wednesday to Saturday at the Dormston Mill Theatre in Sedgley.

Firefighter Lyndon Flavell from Penn takes the role of Radames, whilst professional singer, Tasheka Coe, of Tettenhall, takes the title role.

Tickets are £15.50 each from www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/132241 or visit www.wbos.co.uk for more information.

Call for digital help

VOLUNTEERS are sought for a Digital festival next week at Halesowen Library in the Cornbow Centre next Saturday (October 8) from 10am to 2pm, including Wii and Xbox gaming tournaments, digital music making and s animation. Over 14s should e-mail Emily.Clark@dudley.gov.uk

Spooky fun at libraries with prizes for families

FAMILIES can enjoy two free Halloween trails with bonfire night prizes up for grabs.

The events will be taking place during half term, from October 22 to 31.

A spooky trail will be available from Netherton and Brierley Hill libraries to lead families around the two town centres.

Youngsters who solve the clues can put their completed forms into a prize draw and a winner will be picked at each library.

Netherton Library holds the Halloween trail on October 28 when there will also be storytelling at 11am and themed craft activities throughout the day.

The Brierley Hill trail is on October 29 with the stories and craft activities taking place from 1pm.

The winners will get a family ticket for the Himley Hall bonfire and fireworks show, worth £23 plus free parking.

Youngsters are asked to wear spooky fancy dress for the storytelling to add to the Halloween atmosphere.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "I hope that families make the most of this opportunity to spend time in our town centres whilst enjoying the fun of Halloween."

The bonfire family ticket prize admits up to two adults and two children up to the age of 15. Children under five receive free admission.

Visit www.discoverdudley.org.uk for further details about various family events run by the council.

Drug stench leads police to cannabis

POLICE discovered £430,000 worth of cannabis during a raid at a drugs factory in Dudley, leading to two arrests after officers followed their noses.

A total of 861 plants were found at two properties in Stourbridge Road, Russells Hall, on September 20.

A strong smell led police to the drugs, officers said.

The raid was a joint operation conducted by officers from Dudley, West Midlands Police Cannabis Team and helicopter crews from the National Police Air Service, which is based in Birmingham.

The cannabis factory was spread across seven rooms. Police officers said 48,600 watts of stolen electricity was used to cultivate the plants.

Pub joins biggest coffee morning

THE Starving Rascal pub on the corner of Collis Street and Brettell Lane, Stourbridge, will host a fundraiser as part of Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning tomorrow (Saturday) from 11am.

One in five shops are sitting empty

MORE than one in five shops in Dudley town centre are sitting empty, shocking figures have revealed.

A report from the Local Data Company (LDC) shows a slight rise from 20 per cent last year to 20.1 per cent of shops being empty. It ranks Dudley as the fifth worst 'medium sized centre' – 200 to 400 shops – in the country.

Stourbridge fairs better with a vacancy rate of 15.5 per cent while other large neighbouring towns such as West Bromwich has a quarter (24.7) of its shops empty and Wolverhampton has 21.8 per cent of stores shut, although the city is undergoing a major revamp at its Mander Centre.

Walsall is the worst of the Black Country towns for shopping with a rate of 27.6 per cent of empty

retail premises ranking it sixth worst in the entire country.

At the other end of the scale, Smethwick has only 11.4 per cent of units gathering cobwebs.

Overall in the UK the proportion of empty shops has fallen from 13.3 per cent last year to 12.3per cent.

Ninder Johal, board member of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and former President of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, said: "Obviously we want to see a lower vacancy rate. The High Street is going through a transformation now. It is not how it used to be because more people are going online."

"We are seeing the out-of town-shopping com-

plexes are also struggling now, again because more and more people prefer to buy online. This isn't just about the High Street.

"But work is being done by the LEP to improve the situation, and we think it will recover. In terms of the High Street we need to come up with something that people can do and buy there which they can't do online."

Matthew Hopkinson, director at LDC, said: "Growth slackened significantly in the half year leading up to the referendum at the end of June, taking the steam out of the gentle improvement by 2.3per cent since 2011. Since the end of June we have seen the vacancy rate in leisure outlets inch upwards."

England boss will unveil tribute to football hero

DUDLEY-BORN England manager Sam Allardyce is set to unveil a blue plaque commemorating Dudley footballing hero Duncan Edwards.

The ceremony is due to take place at the Pavilion in Priory Park, Dudley, on Saturday.

Duncan Edwards lived on the Priory estate and signed for Manchester United as a teenager.

He became the youngest player to play in the Football League First Division and then the youngest England player since the Second World War.

His life was tragically cut short as a result of injuries sustained in the Munich Air Crash in February 1958. The disaster claimed the lives of 23 people, including seven of Duncan's team mates from the celebrated 'Busby Babes' team.

Sam Allardyce, known as 'Big Sam', was born on the Old Park Farm Estate, Dudley, and spent his youth playing for Dudley Town before training with West Bromwich Albion and Wolverhampton Wanderers. He carved out a career as a professional footballer and team manager before being named England manager earlier this year.

He said: "On behalf of The FA and England, it is a great honour for me to be asked to take part in such a noteworthy occasion. I look forward to seeing many familiar faces as we commemorate one of English football's greatest ever players."

Funds

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has worked with Councillor Dave Tyler, of Dudley Council, and residents to honour Duncan Edwards with the plaque at Priory Park. Funds for the plaque were provided by Manchester United, Wolves and Albion plus local residents and football fans. The plaque has been designed by Dudley artist Steve Field.

Mr Austin said: "For anyone like me, who grew up in Dudley, the name of Duncan Edwards is synonymous with the town and your childhood – your school competed for the Duncan Edwards Cup and you saw the stained glass windows at St Francis's Church. We are grateful for the generous donations from local people and Manchester United FC, Wolverhampton Wanderers and West Bromwich Albion to enable local hero Duncan Edwards to be commemorated with a blue plaque."

The football legend is also honoured by Dudley with a statue in the town centre.

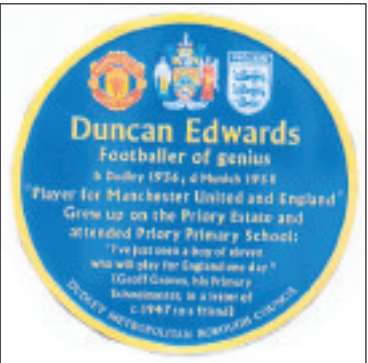
Meanwhile, big names from the world of football will be at the star-studded Duncan Edwards Charity Gala at Brierley Hill Civic Hall on Saturday evening, on what would have been the footballer's 80th birthday. Special guests are set to include Bryan Robson, Norman Whiteside and Bob Taylor.



England manager Dudley-born Sam Allardyce will be unveiling the plaque in Priory Park, Dudley



Duncan Edwards would have been 80 on Saturday



The blue plaque celebrating Duncan Edwards

Cloudy2Clear Announce Trusted Trader Partnership

Advertisement



Consumer champions Which? have now joined the thousands of customers who recognise that Cloudy2Clear Windows really are a business that you can TRUST. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has received the coveted 'Which Trusted Trader' status after going through a rigorous accreditation process entirely focussed on customer service.

Group Managing Director Marcus McGee believes that Which? have endorsed Cloudy2Clear's long standing company policy of delivering the highest standards possible at all times. 'Our service is simple. If your double glazing has misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Whilst a number of tradespeople

perhaps don't focus on customer care as much as they should do, we make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. Locally Cloudy2Clear service Stourbridge & the surrounding areas and manager Brian Stanley agrees that this approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes

good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated as both my customers and, obviously a body as nationally important as Which? now recognise.' So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Brian a call for a free quotation on 0800 61 21 118 and he'll be happy to help!



STEAMED UP DOUBLE GLAZING?
Don't Replace The Frames... Just The Panes!

Cloudy2Clear Are A...
Which? Trusted Trader

cloudy2clear
REPAIRING DOUBLE GLAZING

Priority Freephone
0800 61 21 118
www.cloudy2clear.com

Broken Or Damaged Windows? Faulty Locks, Handles, Hinges?

All Glazing Backed By Our 5 YEAR GUARANTEE

IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Cyclists are saddled with wrong impression

TABLOID indignation, don't you just love it? In its big splash about the undercover sting on Sam Allardyce, The Sun's front-page headline revealed that the new England manager had mocked that his predecessor Roy Hodgson over a speech impediment, referring to him as 'Woy'.

If it's true, it doesn't reflect well on Black Country lad Allardyce. But remind me, how did The Sun reveal Hodgson's appointment as England manager back in 2012? Oh, yes, that's right. In a giant front-page headline, the paper announced: 'It's Woy'.

AFTER decades of banning imports, the Argentinians have suddenly declared they are open for business and ready to trade with us.

Apparently, there is a big demand over there for our tea.

Don't know why, but I'm not really convinced the natives of Buenos Aires are ready to start their day with a mug of English breakfast tea.

They'll just change the name and claim it was theirs all along.

IN the crucible of informed and reasoned debate that is Twitter – only joking – it seems my comments about bad bike riders have led to a few angry cyclists getting their Lycra in a twist.

The best one labelled me a "trollumnist", which I thought was rather good.

Others, mostly from other parts of the country, were less erudite. Some are under the impression that I (a) dislike cyclists, and (b) defend inconsiderate driving.

They are both wrong. Actually, I thought I was on pretty solid ground because a friend, a responsible cyclist, complained about idiots who jump red lights giving him a bad name.

It's funny, but the only other time this column provoked any Twitter indignation was when it suggested there was no need to change pavement-parking laws.

I didn't think that was controversial either, but again, it was militant cyclists who got the hump.

Looking at the Twitter profiles, it seems pedal-pushers fall into two categories.

The vast majority are ordinary people who simply enjoy their hobby and want to get along with other road users.

Then there are those angry-looking men in big goggles who don't see cycling as a hobby, but as a cause, a movement.

Their Twitter feed is packed with photos of errant van drivers and traffic-management schemes. They don't seem to be enjoying themselves.

I think the gist of their message is that cycling is virtuous, to be encouraged at all costs, and that there are never bad cyclists, only bad drivers.

I've seen a fair few of both over the years, and don't have much sympathy with either.



With a Heart of England in Bloom award is Halesowen in Bloom chair Eve O'Connor



All smiles as Halesowen in Bloom win the Gold-Urban Community award

Flower power blooms with awards galore

It's a time for celebrations for the golden stars of the Heart of England competition, as Judith Hawkins reports

SO many towns, parks and pubs in the Black Country are celebrating floral success, the region should perhaps be renamed the Blooming Country.

No less than a dozen places star in this year's Heart of England in Bloom competition.

Towns and pubs in Staffordshire and Worcestershire also picked up gongs at the event hosted by Walsall Council.

There were a total of 220 delegates from villages, towns and urban communities attending the presentation in the Church Rooms of the Parish Church of Aldridge.

Also there were 43 entrants in the hotel and pub grounds category and 18 from parks, cemeteries and crematoriums.

Effort

Chairman of Heart of England in Bloom, Roger Bache stated "Entrants give a lot of time and effort to make where they live and work a nicer, safer place to be and are very proud when they receive their prestigious awards."

Heart of England in Bloom is the regional element of the Britain in Bloom Campaign organised by the Royal Horticultural Society, RHS, which encourages communities to work together to improve and enhance their local environment.

For the second time Halesowen was among the gold award winners.

Eve O'Connor, chairman of Halesowen in Bloom, hailed the help of community volunteers in Halesowen's bid to securing the top prize. She said: "Everybody put a lot of hard work into getting the award, and a lot of vol-



Aldridge goes through to the Britain in Bloom finals after getting gold

unteers contributed to getting the gold by doing all sorts of jobs throughout Halesowen to ensure we achieved the mark.

"Volunteers constructed a 20ft narrow boat, which will now reside in the town for a number of years for people to enjoy. It was a blooming show stopper for us."

"It was a community competition, everyone worked together and it was like glue, bringing everybody together."

Meanwhile it was double success for Stafford in the parks category. Victoria Park

claimed a silver while Stonefield Park earned a silver-gilt.

Borough councillor Mike Smith, cabinet member for leisure, said: "This is a fantastic achievement. A tremendous amount of hard work is put in to ensure our parks rank among the very best in the country."

Among the other winners in the villages, towns, urban communities and cities categories was Aldridge which was named winners in its respective categories.

Gold winners included Bridgnorth, Brown-

hills, Halesowen and Stone. Silver-gilt honours went to Lichfield, Bloxwich, Colwich & Little Haywood, Darlaston, Great Haywood and Willenhall. Amblecote and Wednesfield both took home silver awards.

In the parks, cemeteries and crematoriums categories, Bridgnorth Cemetery and Castle Grounds also in Bridgnorth both earned a gold, alongside the success seen in Stafford.

There was a long list of winners in the hotel and pub grounds category.

Gold went to Lime Contemporary Indian Cuisine in Sedgley, Hogarths Stone Manor in Kidderminster, The Billiard Hall in West Bromwich, The Bloxwich Showman, The Britannia, Rowley Regis, The Clifton in Sedgley, The Lamp Restaurant & Bar in Wednesbury, The Moon Under Water, in Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth's The Old Castle Inn.

The Red Lion in Little Haywood and The Royal Tiger in Wednesfield celebrated silver-gilts, while The George Hotel in Bewdley was awarded a silver.

Proud

Following the Heart of England in Bloom competition, overall winners in each category go through to the national finals, also held by the Royal Horticultural Society.

Other category winners were Biddulph in Staffordshire which won in the large town group. Birmingham City Council won in the large city band. Newcastle-under-Lyme won in the small city band. Studley in Warwickshire won in the small town group, Uttoxeter won in the town category.

Upton-upon-Severn in Worcestershire picked up gold in the large village category.

It has also been a proud month for gardeners, allotment keepers, and green fingered residents as hundreds had their work recognised at another awards ceremony – the Heart of England in Bloom and Royal Horticultural Society's It's Your Neighbourhood Awards held in Ludlow.

Groups in Albrighton, Shrewsbury and Telford bagged recognition among the 142 groups and projects across the Midlands.

GASWAY Ltd.

Est 1976



For complete peace of mind and a friendly service, why not visit Gasway in Lower High Street, Stourbridge DY8 1TA. 01384 372246

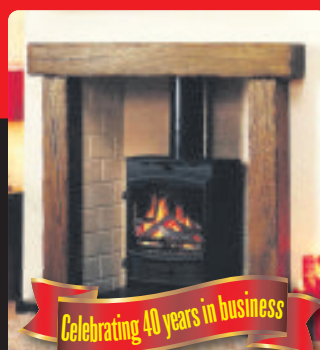


Open since 1976 Gasway has been your first choice for Gas Fires, Surrounds, Cookers and much more, all at competitive prices.

Why not visit Dave, Jon and the team today for FREE expert advice and quotes.

- Cookers Supplied and Fitted
- Gas Fires and Fire Surrounds
- Electric Fires and Fire suites
- Servicing Spare Parts
- Central Heating Systems Supplied and Fitted
- Fire Guards / Companion Sets
- All at competitive Prices

- ▶ Free standing gas stoves
- ▶ Natural gas or lpg
- ▶ Can be fitted into class 1, class 2 and pre cast flues
- ▶ Flue and venting options
- ▶ Manual control with integral ignition
- ▶ Log fuel bed
- ▶ Up to 78% efficient
- ▶ 3.6k output



Celebrating 40 years in business

Affordable Windows

Doors and Conservatories Ltd

Call now 07710 434223 / 01902 827879



French Doors

from £649



Back Door

from £349

Windows 12 x 12 fitted £249

Conservatories 3 x 3 from £6,490



www.wolverhamptonwindows.co.uk



Lack of a response over bowling greens

IN September 2015 the green care department informed members of the only two flat green bowling clubs in the borough, that their fees for the 2017 season – due to 'cutbacks' – could be rising by anything between 700 to 1,000 per cent.

The clubs responded by suggesting, that if the bowling green could be 'loaned' to them on a ten year tenure and a peppercorn reservation fee, they would be responsible for repairs and maintenance of the green.

This was welcomed by the officers and numerous councillors, as it meant

that a council asset would be maintained in an excellent condition at no cost to council funds.

Since then there has been no official acceptance or refusal from the council. There was a suggestion that the present arrangements could be kept as they were but it did not take into account that some preparatory work needs to be carried out before the autumn maintenance work is commenced and the council have no funds for that.

These are some of the excuses that have been suggested to explain the delay in council responding: It is with

the legal department. Why? Loaning of the green is not against any conditions of the deed of gift. It is the Mary Stevens Trust who should make the decision. Why? The trust is a management committee and the council of the day accepted the gift and, as this council was absorbed into Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, the present council should make the decision.

It beggars belief as to why there has been no response from our supposedly 'cash strapped' council.

G H DOWNING
Brierley Hill

Service is important for elderly

I AM a volunteer with Age UK Dudley. My role is visiting the lonely, isolated and having a chat and a cuppa with my clients who are with the good neighbour scheme.

I have a client who I could see he was not well. I asked him to visit the doctors, he declined. I told him I was worried about him. I went to his home the following day, he told me he had made an appointment. On his visit to the doctors he was admitted on that day to hospital.

My client is out of hospital and keeping well.

If the good neighbour scheme closes down who will keep a check on the elderly?

My client's situation would have been a different story.

Who could we blame, the central Government? Don't be silly, we are just a number.

Without funding, the services we provide will either close or downsize.

MRS J BENNETT
Dudley

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POST

Dudley Chronicle,
Chronicle Editorial,
51-53 Queen Street
Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES

EMAIL

dudley.chrons@
expressandstar.co.uk

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Callous decision will have a major impact

I WAS disgusted to read (The Chronicle, September 8) that Councillor Asif Ahmed and his associates, the so-called representatives of the people, had given permission to convert the vacant Beech Tree House Care Home into a 22-bed house for multiple occupants (HMO) – despite widespread protests from angry residents and 'potential crime magnet' concerns from West Midlands Police.

I have been to numerous neighbourhood watch meetings where I have heard many tales of misery relating to crime, anti-social behaviour, noise and disturbance, drug-related problems and devaluation of neighbouring properties when pubs, shops and houses have been converted into HMOs.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the unfortunate residents in this case won the lottery and, having bought the properties surrounding Mr Ahmed and his associates, converted them into HMOs then flooded them with undesirables.

Perhaps then any inept decision makers on the council would realise what an adverse impact their callous judgements have on the lives of decent people.

DAVE JONES
Brierley Hill

All that is left of a life is a medal

PETER Rhodes' story concerning the gathering of his extended family to remember the death of his grandfather's brother in the First World War is, I fear, far from the norm for most who lost their lives.

I have a medal from the 1939-45 war awarded to an unknown (to me) soldier who lost his life during that war.

The medal, which is unworn, came in a box measuring three inches by two and a half inches, together with a message from the War Office which reads: 'The Army Council has the honour to transmit the enclosed medal of service in the war of 1939-45 and share your sorrow that Pte J H Wills did not live to receive it.'

I guess that this was the fate of many who lost their lives, one useless medal and a message from the Army Council for one life that is now forgotten.

G A PETERS
Brierley Hill

DERMAFRAC

The latest advancement in microneedling to stimulate collagen production and cell renewal helping to plump, firm and smooth the skin.

Advanced 4 in 1 Total Skin Rejuvenation Treatment

1. Microdermabrasion
2. Microneedling
3. Deep tissue serum infusion
4. LED Light Therapy

DermaFrac can treat:

- Ageing skin
- Fine lines and wrinkles
- Brown spots and pigmentation
- Open pores and congested skin
- Acne and acne scarring

DermaFrac with Growth Factor serum

A potent blend of growth factors peptides and vitamins to penetrate deeply in to the skin giving total skin rejuvenation.

Price per treatment £150 Course of 6 £795



Call us: 01384 824039

58B South Road Norton
Stourbridge DY8 3YB

email us: info@tejandco.co.uk

visit us at: www.tejandco.co.uk

Dermafrac
per treatment
£120
Dermafrac with
Growth Factors
per treatment
£150

Buy Your New Conservatory With Complete Confidence!

We tick ☒ all the boxes

- ☒ Choice of floor tiles
- ☒ Choice of lighting
- ☒ Free air conditioning
- ☒ Electric sockets
- ☒ Latest designs & colours
- ☒ Peace of mind from start to finish



plus **RATTAN FREE FURNITURE**
ALL FOR £7,120



WE NOW FIT WARM ROOF SYSTEMS TO YOUR EXISTING CONSERVATORY



Transform your conservatory into a comfortable all year round living space

CALL US TODAY AND ASK ABOUT OUR FANTASTIC INTRODUCTORY OFFERS!

01384 292484

dudley



DOORS & CONSERVATORIES

Patio Doors
from
£840
fitted

Full Range of White upvc Doors

UPVC FRONT DOOR
From
£450
Fitted

UPVC BACK DOOR
From
£375
Fitted

French Doors
from
£780
fitted



Latest Colours
Composite Doors
from
£750
fitted



Beautiful Coloured upvc Doors
from only
£550
fitted

CALL IN TODAY FOR A BROCHURE

WOLLASTON SHOWROOM

2E High Street, Wollaston, Stourbridge DY8 4NH. Open Mon-Sat 10.00am-2pm Sundays (by appointment)

Tel: 01384 292484 Mobile: 07890 628868 or www.dudleydoors.com

Over
40 Years
Experience



Chris and Joanne Massey from Hagley



Travelling ticket inspector Ian Powick in the plush interior of the train



Flying Scotsman at Severn Valley Railway in Bridgnorth, preparing to depart



Dennis Whiteman, 86 on the day, celebrates with his wife Eileen



Trevor Horne from Handsworth looks overjoyed to be on board

Flying Scotsman steams in for a memorable visit

"THIS is what we've been waiting for. There is something about steam and the sound of Flying Scotsman that you feel in your soul. This is a once in a lifetime experience."

The words of excited passengers, Michael and Anita Mears, who boarded Flying Scotsman as it made its highly-anticipated arrival at The Severn Valley Railway.

More than 15,000 people took a trip on the impressive locomotive over the five-day Pacific Power event.

Thousands more flocked to the stations and to viewing points at fields along the valley to catch a glimpse of the famous loco.

Flying Scotsman returned to the SVR for the first time in 22 years after a £4.2 million restoration earlier this year.

Heritage

Passengers dressed in-keeping with the 1930s heritage theme with feather boas, bowler hats and sequinned gowns.

The locomotive was designed by Nigel Gresley for

the London North Eastern Railway (LNER) and was built in 1923 at Doncaster Railway Works.

It hauled the first ever non-stop London to Edinburgh service in May 1928, completing the journey in eight hours and 15 minutes.

It was the first steam locomotive to be officially recorded to reach 100mph in November 1934 and even starred in the film 'The Flying Scotsman' in 1929.

The first 7,000 tickets for the Pacific Power event sold out in just one day. It saw Flying Scotsman together with Tornado, the first of the renowned Peppercorn class 'A1' steam locomotives to be built in 50 years.

ALAN WARWICK BUTCHERS

**3LB FRESH
BONELESS PORK
CHOPS**

£4.99

**YOU'VE
TRIED THE REST
NOW TRY THE BEST**

**LARGE FRESH
BONELESS CHICKEN
FILLETS**

3LB FOR £5

**30 DAY MATURED
BLACK ANGUS
ROASTING BEEF**

£2.79lb

**FRESH CHICKEN
BUY ONE GET
ONE FREE**

£4.99

**3LB
BRAISING
STEAK**

£5.99

Unit 19 Moor Centre, Moor Street, Brierley Hill DY5 3AH 01384 265200

Well-wishers go online to raise cash for victim

'WE are all astounded with the support, we can't believe people have been so kind.'

The heartfelt words of Diane Weston after support flooded in for her terminally-ill father Roy who was mugged for his pension in Brierley Hill.

A crowdfunding page set up in the wake of the cowardly attack has surpassed £450, as generous folk rally around in support of the 78-year-old.

Police are investigating the robbery after a man and woman pounced on Roy outside Pepe's hairdressers in High Street on September 12.

The page was set up by Dave Webb, who also suffers from cancer, after reading about the incident which left Roy badly shaken. Roy was robbed of his and his wife's pension after collecting it from a post office.

His daughter Diane, 49, said: "We are all astounded with the support. We can't believe people have been so kind. I would like to thank everyone for all the kind wishes, it has really helped my parents. My dad feels a lot better."

Roy was diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer last year.

Money

Mr Webb, 58, who lives in Kent, decided to set up a fundraising page for Roy and plans to travel to Dudley to present the money to Roy and his family when the fundraising is complete.

He said: "When I read of poor Roy's plight online, one reader mentioned that there should be a justgiving page, so I did just that and set one up. It annoys me that people could think to rob a pensioner, let alone one who was terminally ill. The fundraising page runs for another 22 days. I'll make sure every penny is given to Roy and his lovely wife Maureen."

To donate visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/david-webb-2



Roy Weston and his wife Maureen's pension money was stolen by violent muggers

Safe, secure & very, very strong - the revolutionary

COLOUR FENCE

The only garden fence you will ever need

"Excellent product & excellent staff" - the more pointing and the more pointing about quality products, the pleased!"

Coloufence is built to last!

- Look for
- Easy to fit
- Interlocking
- UV stabilised
- Slippery fit

25 years

Good Fence Guide

FREE GUIDE!

Discover how the latest fence... Save thousands... and put us to rest in every maintenance.

Call 01384 594791 today to learn more about Coloufence & receive this brand new guide FREE!

MADE IN BRITAIN

TELEPHONE
01384 594791
jay.moule@colourfence.co.uk
colourfence.co.uk

Every gardener knows that it pays to plan ahead. If you are one of the thousands of people who searched helplessly, to secure your beloved garden, it will not be a surprise that garden fences are almost always the first priority. Whether you have previously purchased, or simply planned to keep your fence going, there's no escaping the fact that traditional fences will always fall victim to the weather.

Make this the year all that changes. With Coloufence you can put your garden straight away and for all Coloufence is scientifically sound and customised to suit your garden professionally installed, it can withstand wind gusts of up to 110mph. Once it's up, it stays up and is guaranteed to look good year after year. Safe, easy to see and made for - you only NEVER need to paint or stain it or patch it. As concerned fence owners will be all you need to do to keep it in top condition for years to come. In fact the reason is so simple that Coloufence will guarantee their fence to last at least 25 years. Available in a range of colours to suit any garden, with or without decorative infills, the highly skilled installation team make short work of their clients' fence problems. New and old fences will be efficiently cleared and replaced, leaving you to get back to enjoying your rejuvenated garden. Pricing is just as straightforward and equally attractive. Starting costs are in line with other garden fences but with Coloufence your investment saves you time and money each and every year.

For those of us who live our gardens, Coloufence provides a lifetime of hassle-free enjoyment.

For more information and to arrange a FREE no obligation site visit simply call one of these helpful numbers on 01384 594791.

In detail:

- Virtually Maintenance Free
- Save time & money - no painting required
- Guaranteed not to rot, warp or peel for up to 25 years
- Costs in line with other garden fences
- Variety of colours & styles
- Professionally installed by accredited franchisees

Make the **RIGHT** decision this Autumn and give **RYDALE** a ring...

RYDALE

VERY **BIG** Autumn SALE

Windows, Conservatories, Orangeries, Porches, Fascias, Doors & Soffit Boards

RIGHT NOW

CELEBRATING Our 31st ANNIVERSARY 2016

No deposits or stage payments, you only pay when the installation has been completed

Visit one of the largest conservatory and window showrooms in the UK

Supplied & Fitted... across the Midlands

Repair Service Available

Replace the existing roof on your conservatory and create a comfortable environment and a room you can use all year round

Guardian Warm Roof

Every window and conservatory is custom made to the most rigorous quality standards you will find in the industry. No other company in the area has more experience and know how than Rydale, and that's why we have been in business for more than 30 years.

ULTIMATE SECURITY GUARANTEE

Rydale take security very seriously Guaranteed high security on ALL products Full details on request

MASSIVE DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE ON OCTOBER INSTALLATIONS

FREEPHONE 0800 917 6060 www.rydalewindows.co.uk | Long Lane, Blackheath, Halesowen B62 9LS | Open Weekdays: 9am to 5.30pm Saturday: 9am to 4pm Sunday Closed

WHERE TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE
MEETS MODERN TECHNOLOGY



**KEEPING YOUR HOME AUTHENTIC, SAFE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT THIS SUMMER
BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED WINDOWS, DOORS, CONSERVATORIES & ORANGERIES**

We are a professional, family run, local company who have over 34 years year-on-year trading installing quality windows, doors, conservatories and orangeries. We pride ourselves on our high quality standards and that we can offer all our customers total satisfaction on whatever you need.

Wombourne Windows™
ORANGERIES AND CONSERVATORIES

For more information call us now on

0845 603 0334

or visit our website at **www.wombourne-windows.co.uk**



Morlock House, Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne, South Staffs WV5 0AL
Opening Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-2pm



Tennis ace Jordanne gets university honour

BRITAIN'S number one wheelchair tennis player Jordanne Whiley MBE has been awarded an honorary degree from the University of Wolverhampton.

The Honorary Doctorate of Letters was presented in recognition of her achievements as a wheelchair tennis player.

The Halesowen-born Paralympic medalist, who returned from Rio with her bronze medal. Speaking after receiving her award at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre, she said: "It's amazing and I am extremely humbled by the whole thing. I hope my story can inspire others – you don't have to look a certain way to be successful and be happy."

Jordanne is a Paralympic wheelchair tennis player who was born with brittle bone disease. She has broken her legs more than 26 times.

At 14 she became the youngest national champion and at 16 qualified for the Beijing Paralympics. In 2012 she became the first woman, alongside her doubles partner, to win a Paralympic bronze medal in wheelchair tennis. In 2014 she and her Japanese doubles partner Yui Kamiji netted their first grand slam title by winning the Australian open, and made history by winning all four grand slams in one year – the first time for a British player.

In 2015 Jordanne won her first grand slam singles title at the US Open and month later she was awarded an MBE for her services to wheelchair tennis.

Now 24 and ranked number three in the world, she has nine grand slam titles to her name which makes her the most decorated British tennis player of all time.



Halesowen's Jordanne Whiley MBE receives her honorary degree from the University of Wolverhampton

Coffee mornings and choral serenades

A CHOIR will be touring coffee shops in Stourbridge as part of a mobile concert raising money and awareness for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Around 40 choir members from Stourbridge-based group Got 2 Sing will be out tomorrow (Friday), offering a song in exchange for a donation to the charity.

Macmillan's biggest fundraising event of the year takes place on Friday and encourages people all over the UK to host coffee mornings in aid of the cancer charity.

Beth Dunn, director and founder of Got 2 Sing, said: "The coffee morning is a fantastic initiative. We wanted to draw as much attention for it as we could by doing what we do best."

Meanwhile, Sainsbury's Amblecote will host its coffee morning in aid of the charity tomorrow too.

The event, organised by managers Gail Thomas and Marie Cooney and café worker Coleen Shakespeare, will be held in the store foyer, between 10am and 1pm.

The trio, who are giving up their own time to run the event, will be serving up tea, coffee and light refreshments, in return for a donation to the charity.

GP surgery is rated inadequate for safety

A GP surgery has been rated inadequate for safety by a health watchdog.

A lack of criminal background checks, concerns over cervical cancer test results, and an absence of infection control training were all identified by CQC inspectors at the Dr W Porter surgery, also known as St James Medical Practice on Malthouse Drive in Dudley.

The surgery has more than 2,200 patients, according to NHS Choices.

The CQC report states: "We found many gaps in the record keeping for staff files.

Records were not in place to provide assurance that appropriate recruitment checks had been completed for both non-clinical and clinical members of the practice team.

"We also found that there were no records of completed DBS checks for members of the nursing team."

Medicines

It continued: "Uptake for cervical screening was below average, during our inspection we also found that the practice did not consistently follow an effective fail-safe system for cervical screening tests to ensure that test results had been received for every sample sent by the practice."

The CQC inspectors also reported that improvements are needed in the monitoring of high-risk medicines. As well as the 'inadequate' rating for safety, the practice was graded 'requires improvement' for effectiveness of services and whether services are well-led'.

By Judith Hawkins

"We found that essential training such as infection control principles was not included in the induction programme," the report stated in relation to whether services are effective.

Highlighting the leadership concerns, the CQC report added: "We found that in some areas governance arrangements were not robust." However the GP surgery was rated as good for being both caring and responsive.

Praising the practice, the CQC inspectors added: "Staff spoken with demonstrated a commitment to providing a high-quality service."

"Throughout our inspection there was a strong theme of positive feedback from staff and staff commented that they felt valued and part of a close practice team. The practice encouraged a culture of openness and honesty."

The surgery was contacted for a response to the report but none received by the time of going to print.

Wedding venue is open for public view

COUPLES looking for a wedding venue have been invited to an open day at the newly refurbished Thomas Robinson building in Stourbridge.

Dudley Registrars are organising the open day to give future brides and grooms the chance to find out what is on offer – and they could also be in with the chance of winning their wedding.

Couples can look around the recently renovated Lye and Wollescote Chapels, now called The Thomas Robinson building, on Saturday, October 8. Everyone attending on the day is eligible to enter a prize draw to win a free wedding ceremony at the historic venue.

The Victorian grade II listed-buildings has undergone substantial work to turn it into a new registration office for civil ceremonies.

The open day at the venue in Cemetery Road, Lye, runs from 10am to 4pm. Call (01384) 815373.

Cherry® Kitchen Makeovers

the Ultimate
KITCHEN MAKEOVER

The most cost effective way to
transform your kitchen

...without the hassle of a traditional rip-out and re-fit!

Cherry pick from the best!

✔ **GREAT VALUE** ✔ **GREAT PRICES** ✔ **GREAT SERVICE**

VISIT THE MIDLANDS' **LARGEST KITCHEN MAKEOVER**

Showroom

ON STOURBRIDGE RING ROAD (next to Aldi)

OPEN 7 DAYS

FREE PARKING!

Why choose
CHERRY?

- Avoid the upheaval and expense of replacing your cabinets
- Revitalise your kitchen from a simple door change to a complete makeover
- Huge choice of worktops from Laminate to Granite and Quartz
- Retain your existing cabinets - avoid waste, save money and help the environment
- Average installation time only 2 to 3 days - less mess, less fuss, half the cost!
- Your local kitchen makeover specialist - Approved by the Consumer Protection Association for your total peace of mind
- Range of quality luxury flooring available
- Full replacement kitchen service also available
- Rubbish removed from site

**LESS MESS
LESS FUSS**

THE HALF PRICE

of a new kitchen

Call now for your **FREE** 36-page colour brochure or **FREE** no-obligation survey & quotation on -

01384 395 799
0800 633 5337

Don't gamble on any company you don't know. Always select a CPA member for your complete peace of mind.

FREE FLOORING
EXCLUSIVE TO EXPRESS & STAR READERS

Yell **5 STAR RATED**
See our reviews on Yell.com

See our latest video online at **www.cherry-kitchens.co.uk**

KitchenAid® Swan magimix natural life PHILIPS PIFCO Tefal Russell Hobbs smeg TOWER Vax

AKAI BRAUN BOSCH Breville CARMEN DeLonghi dyson Elgento Eubank Haver itek KENWOOD

KitchenAid® Swan magimix natural life PHILIPS PIFCO Tefal Russell Hobbs smeg TOWER Vax

WHEEL CHAIRS

FROM £50



PRESSURE COOKER

£35



SENSOR BINS

£25




SWAN RETRO MIXERS

FROM £50



TOP BRAND ELECTRICAL ITEMS AT BARGAIN PRICES

10% DISCOUNT

on purchases of £20 or above on production of this advert.

Valid until 5th Oct 2016
Stourbridge chronicle

MOBILITY ACCESSORIES

FROM £10



STEAM GENERATOR IRONS

FROM £20



HENRY AND HETTY

£75



AIR FRYERS

FROM £35



MICROWAVES

FROM £25




DYSON DC01

£30

ON PRODUCTION OF THIS ADVERT

www.kettleandtoasterman.co.uk



Kettle & Toaster Man

TRADE WAREHOUSE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Unit 2C, Albion Works, Moor St., Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 3SZ

Est. Over 20 Years

Tel: 01384 483 286

OPEN: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Sat 8am-12pm

GRADED PRODUCT SPECIALIST

All products will carry a guarantee

We specialise in finding you the best deals available on daily basis. We stock electrical and other amazing retail products at up to 90% off the normal retail selling price.

MANY MORE OFFERS IN STORE...

Pensioner died after fall in street

A PENSIONER from Brierley Hill died just over a week after falling on the pavement on the way back from a pharmacy, an inquest heard.

John James, from Charles Road, Brierley Hill, died at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley on September 17.

The 88-year-old was a retired wood merchant, who was born in Stourbridge.

Oldbury coroner's court heard on Monday that his death followed falling down on Woodland Avenue in Brierley Hill on the way back from a pharmacy on September 8.

An ambulance attended and he was taken to the hospital, where a CT scan revealed that he had a bleed on the brain.

He was given palliative care up until his death at the hospital.

After hearing all of the evidence, senior coroner for the Black Country, Mr Zafar Siddique, returned a conclusion of accidental death.

Five go to hospital after lorry acid spill



Firefighters in breathing apparatus at the acid spill site

FIVE people, including two ambulance staff, were taken to hospital as a precautionary measure after 200 litres of acid spilled from a lorry in Coseley.

Residents and businesses were urged to keep doors and windows closed after the spillage on Monday. Seventy firefighters from West Midlands Fire Service worked with Environment Agency staff to contain the spill in Anchor Lane.

Emergency services were called at 11.38am after reports hydrochloric acid was pouring from a tank on the lorry. A container on the HGV, which had a 1,000 litre capacity, split as the vehicle drove down Anchor Lane. Some of the acid made its way into nearby water courses.

Two ambulance staff, a pedestrian, the driver of the lorry, and a worker from Amey, a nearby company, were taken to hospital as a precautionary measure. Roads were closed as firefighters worked to contain the spillage.

Lee Baker, fire station commander at Bournbrook and Woodgate Valley, said the five were taken to hospital because a vapour cloud from the spillage caused breathing difficulties.

Travellers – MP and commissioner clash

A BLACK Country MP has become embroiled in a row with the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner after accusing the force of not doing enough to move travellers.

Mike Wood, MP for Dudley South, said residents were fed up with travellers 'moving from site to site' across the borough and the time it is taking to get them to move.

He called on Commissioner David Jamieson to 'get a grip' and give his officers powers to act immediately.

However, Mr Jamieson has hit back at the Conservative MP, insisting the process of shifting travellers is not as simple as he suggests.

He also suggested Mr Wood speak to his own party's ministers if he wanted laws to be changed to make it easier.

The bitter exchange comes after a summer which has seen a wave of traveller groups pitch up on parks, fields, parking areas and other open spaces across the Black Country.

Historic pub being transformed into apartments

AN historic but derelict pub in Dudley, which has become a target for vandals, is to get a new lease of life when transformed into apartments.

Work is getting under way to renovate the former Gipsies Tent Inn in Steppingstone Street, which since its closure in 1980 has fallen into disrepair.

The project, delivered by a private developer, will see the Victorian building in Dudley town centre's conservation area re-roofed, windows and doors repaired or replaced, damaged bricks repaired and missing timber

and render detailing reinstated. Once completed, the owners will convert and refurbish the interior to bring the building, which sits near to Dudley Magistrates Court, into use as apartments.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, Dudley Council's cabinet member for planning and economic development said: "This is another exciting restoration project, bringing an eyesore building on a prominent gateway to the town back into use."

"Despite its deterioration in recent years, the building is an important historic landmark and the work will see it sensitively restored in keep-

ing with the conservation area it sits within.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing it brought back to life as quality homes for people in Dudley."

The external work will cost around £127,000, which is being part funded by grants sourced by the council from the Black Country Local Economic Partnership to repair and bring back into use historic buildings in Dudley town centre. The remainder will be funded by the owner who will refurbish the interior.

During work, which is expected to last eight weeks, Steppingstone Street and Greystone Street will be closed.



Gipsies Tent Inn, Dudley

Armed police for conference

ARMED officers, road blocks and vehicle spot checks will be in place when West Midlands Police biggest security operation of the year gets under way ahead of the Conservative Party conference.

The conference runs at the ICC from Sunday to Wednesday and is expected to attract more than 12,000 delegates, but the WMP's Operation Pelkin kicked into gear this week as the force prepares for heightened security. It will see hundreds of officers on patrol in Birmingham city centre, some will carry guns, while sections of the area from the Hyatt Hotel to the library will be fenced off and airport-style security checks put in place at key entrance points.

Numerous anti-austerity protests are planned during the conference, with up to 20,000 TUC and People's Assembly supporters due to march on its first day.

LEVEL STREET SHOWROOM
NOW OPEN TILL 7.00pm
EVERY THURSDAY

**autumn
sale**
up to
20% off
selected furniture - plus
FREE BOSCH dishwasher*

Avanti - designed for your life

Providing **great value, quality and service since 1981**, Avanti has built its reputation on consistently high standards of craftsmanship and customer care.

Visit the Avanti website and see a collection of videos including a **factory tour and customer testimonials**.

Why choose Avanti?

- £6.5m sales from returning customers and referrals for each of the last 3 years
- **West Midlands manufacturer** with a great choice of products
- **No deposit, no stage payments, nothing to pay until we deliver - not including finance**

Avanti

Kitchens Bedrooms and Bathrooms

www.avantikb.co.uk

freephone: **0800 44 66 55**

(Kitchen Studio & Head Office) Avanti House Hayes Lane, Lye, Stourbridge DY9 8RD. Telephone: 01384 893929
(Bedroom, Bathroom & Kitchen Studio) Unit 2 Level Street, Brierley Hill DY5 1UA. Telephone: 01384 262200

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. [Business Name & Address as shown on FCA interim permission or authorisation] act as a credit broker and not the lender. Credit is provided by Hitachi Capital Consumer Finance, a division of Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. *Conditions apply, details available on request

Help after British Gas redundancies

BRITISH Gas workers facing the axe are being supported by public bodies across the Black Country.

In April the firm revealed proposals to close its office at Swallowfield One in Oldbury in a move that would see 684 workers made redundant. The company's call centre will close in the coming months.

Councils in Sandwell, Dudley, Wolverhampton, and Walsall have joined forces with Jobcentre Plus and the National Careers Service to support those affected and help them find new careers.

They will lead a series of events, support sessions and jobs fairs at the company's base in Oldbury.

Sandwell Council Leader, Councillor Steve Eling, said: "We have worked closely with British Gas who have welcomed all of our staff onto the site to hold workshops, advice sessions and one-to-one support for workers faced with redundancy. We are helping people secure future employment and training which is a fantastic for those who were otherwise facing a worrying future."

Councillor Eling added the majority of staff affected by the redundancies are from Sandwell and Dudley.



County Wallpapers has become a Sedgley landmark business, occupying a former cinema and drill hall

Family home decor firm is closing after 55 years

ONE of Sedgley's oldest and most distinctive shops will close its doors for the final time this weekend.

County Wallpapers, in Dudley Road, is shutting after 55 years of trading in the village.

Owner Deborah Evans is retiring from running the wallpaper and paint specialists which was started by her father Debeney Fuidge in Drottwich in 1951.

The business moved to Sedgley in 1961 in the former Picture House cinema, re-named Wallpaper House.

Showroom

Mrs Evans, whose husband Trevor retired from County Wallpapers 15 years ago, said that this weekend will be the final days of trading for the shop, which was open seven days a week.

She said that the building had

been sold to Dudley business Furniture for the Home, which currently trades online and plans to make the old cinema its showroom.

The new business at the former cinema and drill hall is due to open before Christmas.

Mrs Evans said it was sad to be closing the family business, but three of the members of staff were also retiring and only two would be seeking new jobs.

"It has come to the natural time to stop. It is the end of an era, but the time is right," said Mrs Evans.

"I wish the new people, who are local as well, every success."

Mrs Evans said that she and the staff had received a touching farewell presentation from Dulux, for whom they had been an advice centre for many years.

FLOORS 4 YOU

The Flooring Specialist

LAMINATE • SOLID WOOD • CARPETS • VINYL



OUR LOCAL STORES

HALESOWEN STORE

93 Dudley Road,
Halesowen
B63 3NS

**0121
550 5221**

DUDLEY STORE

100 Birmingham Road,
Dudley
DY1 4RF

**01384
237000**

STOURBRIDGE STORE

Camphill,
Wordsley
DY8 4AD

**01384
70103**

www.floors-4-you.co.uk

**BEST
CHOICE**

**BEST
PRICES**

**BEST
SERVICE**

Traders lose licences due to under 18 booze sale

TWO shopkeepers have been fined and stripped of their licences after selling alcohol to two 15-year-olds.

A member of staff at the SSK Convenience Store in Church Street, Pensnett, sold lager during a routine test purchase exercise which was carried out by Dudley trading standards in January 2016.

Dudley licensing committee revoked the premise's licence in April. The decision was appealed against, but that was later dismissed and the licence remains revoked.

By Clare Butler

Thanikan Packiyathan, aged 35, of Teasel Avenue, Milton Keynes, is the holder of the premise's licence. He failed to attend the court hearing and was found guilty in his absence of three offences under the Licensing Act 2003, including selling alcohol to a child and not displaying his licence on the premises.

He was fined £440 and ordered to pay costs of £539 and a victim surcharge of £44.

Pirashanthakumar Thangarasa, 21, of Hackle Lane, Kings Heath, who was the designated premises supervisor, pleaded guilty to the sale of alcohol to a child.

He was fined £180 and ordered to pay costs of £539 and a victim surcharge of £30. He was also stripped of his personal licence.

Councillor Rachel Harris,

Dudley Council's cabinet member for health and well-being, said: "Trading standards officers regularly visit shopkeepers in the borough to advise on the law relating to age-restricted products, such as alcohol and tobacco, and we encourage them to sign up to the Challenge 25 scheme."

"We also carry out regular test purchases using under age volunteers to check that the law is being complied with."

"Shop staff must be trained and supervised to ensure that ID is always asked for if a purchaser looks under 25 and the sale refused if no ID is produced. We won't hesitate to prosecute where shop keepers are not diligent."

More homes are on ambulance blacklist

THE number of homes blacklisted by the West Midlands Ambulance Service over safety fears for crews has risen sharply in the past four years.

The service says it is now pushing for tougher sentences to be handed out if its frontline staff get abused by patients and the public.

The number of black-listed addresses in the West Midlands has risen from 11 in 2011 to 79 in 2015.

Service spokesman Murray McGregor said staff members are encouraged to report attacks to the police. "I think in the past staff were prepared to deal with the abuse and not say anything," he said.

"The rise in these figures gives an actual reflection of the abuse staff are getting. Clearly we are looking to do as much as possible to reduce attacks on staff. Part of that is to push extremely hard for people to be prosecuted."

"It is simply not appropriate that staff should suffer abuse. What we would like to see is courts handing down the maximum sentences possible because we feel people have to learn and it is no longer acceptable to attack staff."

A breakdown of the figures show that, over the years since the data was logged, there has been nearly 80 properties blacklisted in the Black Country with Dudley having the highest number with six listed this year, including three in the DY3 postcode which covers Gornal, Himley, Sedgley and Gospel End. Sandwell has five blacklisted addresses and Walsall two.

AUTUMN SALE EXTRA DISCOUNTS OFF ALL SALE PRICES *Ends Sunday*

Don't miss your opportunity to take advantage of extra discounts off all sale prices throughout all departments, at the Midlands' largest and most inspirational furniture stores.

With huge reductions on every single item, there's never been a better time to save on furniture, carpets, beds, homewares and much more, including all the famous brand names.

Buy now and pay nothing for a year - not even a deposit!

DON'T MISS YOUR FINAL CHANCE, OFFER ENDS SUNDAY 5PM!



LUXE

ALF UNO
ITALIA

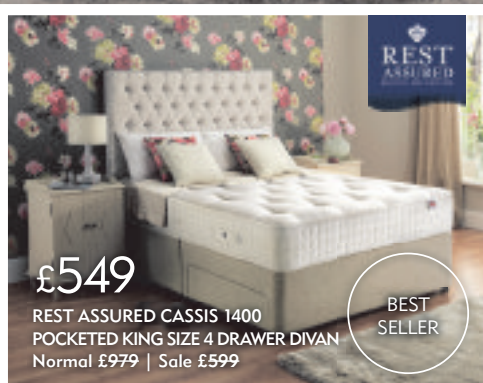
£1399
BELLINO EXTENDING DINING TABLE
Normal £1799 | Sale £1599

ORDER NOW FOR PRE-CHRISTMAS DELIVERY



£799
DELAMARE 3 SEATER SOFA
Normal £1299 | Sale £999

AS SEEN ON TV



£549
REST ASSURED CASSIS 1400
POCKETED KING SIZE 4 DRAWER DIVAN
Normal £979 | Sale £599

BEST SELLER



WARDROBE £499
BEDSIDE CABINET £179
DRESSING TABLE £349

£429
KENT KING SIZE BEDSTEAD
Normal £599 | Sale £479

Denby | Arminster | G | Joseph | Parker Knoll | HALO | Fama | TEMPUR | WILLIS & GAMBIER | DURESTA | Scaly | Komdeon | ercol

LOW SALE PRICES • PAY NOTHING FOR A YEAR • NO DEPOSIT • INTEREST FREE

Cousins
a true family business

Open 7 days a week | Late Nights: Tuesday & Thursday until 8pm

Birmingham
Warwick Road,
Tyseley. B11 2EW.
T: 0121 765 3300

Dudley
Hall Street
DY2 8NW.
T: 01384 451500

Manchester
A57, Regent Rd,
Salford. M5 4EA.
T: 0161 875 4070

www.cousinsfurniture.co.uk

**PRICE
PROMISE**

Our price promise
to you, we won't be
beaten on price! *

- Free parking
- Instore restaurant
- Large stocks
- Immediate delivery

CELEBRATING
31
YEARS

TRUSTED MERCHANT
2016
★★★★★
feefo

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

Deferred Interest Free Credit available on all orders over £500. Subject to status. All balances must be paid in September 2017 on the date specified at the time of purchase. Written details on request. Offer not available on clearance items, in store concessions or web specials. Some items are subject to one per household and only available in limited colours, or the colours shown in this advert. Prices in this advert are valid until 02.10.16. See website for Price Promise details.

FINAL WEEKEND TO GUARANTEE YOUR CHRISTMAS DELIVERY



Sofas start from £349

Individual Sofas for Individual Needs

Free parking available
Opening times: Monday - Saturday 10.30am - 5pm; Sunday 11.00am - 4pm

Excellent customer forums, check us out ★★★★★ rated

Check out our forums on the Best of Wolverhampton

SOFA
FACTORY OUTLET
CUSTOM MADE SOFAS
TELEPHONE:
01902 425 225

Showroom:
**Thomas St.,
Wolverhampton,
West Midlands
WV2 4JS**



As Seen In: cheshireinfo.co.uk/wolverhampton



Also voted by the best of loved and local awards 2015 most loved business in the category of furniture

Engineering firm faces £12k bill over injury

A BILSTON engineering company has been hit in the pocket for more than £12,000 after a worker broke his arm in two places when his hand caught on a drill.

Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court heard that Mr Deimantas Beinoras, a 23-year-old Lithuanian national was injured while working for KV Welding Limited, which manufactures equipment for the logistics sector.

Mr Beinoras was operating a pedestal drilling machine to drill holes into some box section tubing. He was adjusting the work piece while the drill was still running when his gloved hand became entangled with the unguarded drill bit.

Training

His arm was pulled around the drill and broke two bones in right forearm.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) prosecuting, told the court that injuries could have been prevented if the drill was guarded with a telescopic guard covering the rotating drill bit.

Also if the injured person had not been wearing gloves, a suitable and suf-

By Nick Humphreys

ficient risk assessment had been completed to identify required control measures and if the employee had received proper training.

KV Welding Limited of Perry Street, Bradley, Bilston admitted failing to ensure the health, safety and welfare at work of one of its employees, and was fined £10,000 and ordered to pay £2,168.73 in costs.

Viran Tal, manager of KV Welding, said: "Mr Beinoras is back to work now. It was an extremely bad injury, but fortunately he's in good health now."

"A lot of procedures have been put in place to make sure nothing like this happens again. It's the first time a bad injury has happened in all 30 years of the company's history."

Nitisha serves up own cookery book



Chef Nitisha Patel has secured a book deal showcasing delicious Indian recipes

A CITY chef is to launch a new cook book showcasing delicious Indian recipes. Nitisha Patel, from Pine Close, Wolverhampton, is working with London publishers Ryland Peters and Small to produce My Modern Indian Kitchen.

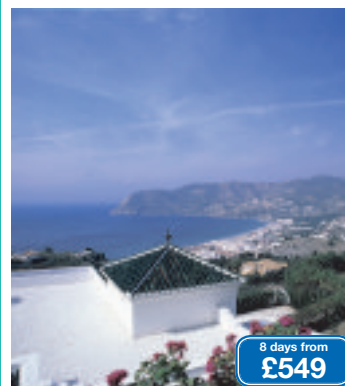
The 27-year-old has already tasted success as the face of Indian cuisine in Tesco stores nationwide. Packed with foolproof recipes which can be created at home with minimum fuss, the book is inspired by the food she enjoyed at home in Wolverhampton with her Gujarati parents and by the training she received on University College Birmingham's Culinary Arts Management course.

The book has been a labour of love for Nitisha, put together in her spare time over two years. She believes it reflects her love of food and her heritage. She said: "It is all about Indian food that is great tasting, fresh, vibrant, and guaranteed to leave your friends and family impressed too."

Nitisha is currently working as a product manager overseeing pre-prepared poultry dishes for Asda stores across the country.

Star Reader Travel
Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Your Chronicle in association with
Preferred Travel Services



Andalucia's Eastern Coast – Granada & Almeria

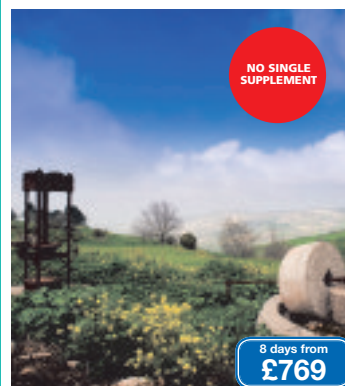
**Flying Direct from Birmingham
Departs Nov 5, 12 2016 & selected dates Feb to Jun 2017**

On this holiday, not only will you visit the Alhambra in Granada, but also Almeria. Your base is the coastal city of Almunecar. The wonderful sub-tropical climate will help you enjoy the city's rich artistic and cultural heritage. In and around Almunecar the sierras plunge spectacularly into the sea and you will find no less than 25 beaches and coves within its boundary.

Price includes

- Return direct flights from Birmingham
- 7 nights 4* HB accommodation on the coast in Taramay, Almunecar
- Included excursions to Granada and the Alhambra and to Almeria
- Option to extend your holiday by another week
- Services of a tour representative

8 days from
£549



NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Walking in Cyprus

**Flying Direct from Birmingham
Departs Nov 23 2016 & Feb 22 2017**

Our holiday base is Paphos, Cyprus's former capital, with an archaeological legacy that has led to the town being placed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Apart from its history, our interest in Cyprus stems from its beautiful lush green countryside, dramatic mountain ranges, sandy beaches and excellent weather all year round.

Price includes

- Return direct flights from Birmingham
- 7 nights HB accommodation at the 4* Athena Beach Hotel
- 3 fully guided walks including the Akamas Peninsula
- Option to extend your holiday
- Services of a tour representative

8 days from
£769

Organised by Preferred Travel Services. ABTA No. W3692. Atol No. 5537
Single supplements apply. Subject to availability.

For more information or to book, please call: 0116 279 3929 quote WEXP
or visit: www.preferredts.com/wexp

ST CHRISTOPHER'S
CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES

Could you change a child's life?

Foster carers welcome a child into their home and into their family. They work with them through challenges many parents will never encounter – and reap rewards they may never experience.

St Christopher's is a local charity that has been looking after children and young people since 1870. Foster with us and you become part of a skilled and dedicated team looking after children who are unable to live with their families. We provide full training and support and pay an allowance of at least £420 a week.

Want to know more? Visit our website or call the number below to speak with one of our friendly team.

www.stchris.org.uk/fostering | 0800 234 6282

f @stchris1870

Caring for children and young people since 1870



Reg. Charity No. 207782

AMAZING AUTUMN DEALS

- uPVC Back & Front Doors Fully Fitted **from £460**
- Windows **from £180**
- Conservatories **from £4495**
- French Doors **from £700**
- Patio Doors **from £750**
- Extensions & Garage Conversions
- Friendly, personal touch and jobs completed to high standards

UP TO 50% OFF

West Midlands DOUBLE GLAZING **FENSA** **Rehau A Rated frames and glass** Also Available - Guardian Tilted Roof System (LABC approved)

**77 Overend Street, West Bromwich, B70 6EY
Tel: 0800 080 7076 / 0121 532 0784**

www.westmidlandsglazing.com



Composite Doors Fully Fitted from £700

GOOD DEALS AVAILABLE TO TRADE

Bespoke requirements are no problem

Gardener Pete digs tool donation for museum

GENEROUS staff at a Tipton firm surprised the Black Country Living Museum with new gardening tools after accidentally breaking a rake during a volunteering stint.

H & R ChemPharm (UK) Ltd, based near the Tipton Road attraction, sent 15 employees to volunteer for gardening work with head gardener Pete Alexander over four days. During the visit green-fingered Peter had the team getting their hands dirty restoring tree squares, edging lawns and tidying flower beds.

However, the enthusiasm from the group led to a leaf rake being broken, so a few weeks later employees showed up with a present to surprise Pete – a brand new set of tools from his ‘cream of the crop’ wish list.

Pete said: "I had all but forgotten

the incident and at the time we had a good laugh about it. I was astounded when they came in with all of tools I had been talking to them about during their visit – they got each and every single one I'd told them I needed. I can't thank them enough, it's such a big help to the museum."

Richard Starkey, marketing co-ordinator at H & R ChemPharm, added: "Pete does a fantastic job in looking after the 26 acres at the museum. A slight mishap with the rake got us talking about his tools 'wish list' he had mentioned to a few of us involved in the volunteering. So, with help from Tom at Bob Richardson Tools & Fasteners in Dudley, from whom we sourced a selection of STIHL hand tools, we were able to make this a reality."

H & R ChemPharm (UK) has been at Dudley Road, Tipton, since 1840.



Pete Alexander, centre, and museum boss Andrew Lovett (second left) with tool donors Nnamdi Amatobi, Richard Starkev and Tom Richardson

Boys behind girls after primary school

BOYS tend to be trailing behind girls by the time the finish primary school, according to new figures.

Key Stage 2 assessments for each local authority in the Black Country show girls outperformed boys in achieving the expected standard by the time they were 11.

Pupils tested in Wolverhampton showed the best performance locally with 52 per cent of children achieving the expected standards in reading, writing and maths, according to Department for Education figures. But the gender gap was apparent with 56 per cent of girls achieving those results compared with 48 per cent of boys.

This year's are the first results from the new more challenging national curriculum introduced in 2014.

Less than half of pupils achieved expected standards in three Black Country boroughs. In Sandwell it was 49 per cent of pupils, in Dudley 48 per cent and in Walsall 46 per cent. The difference between the genders was marked. Only 43 per cent of boys attained the expected standards in Dudley but for girls it was 54 per cent. Stoke and Birmingham were joint worst locally with only 45 per cent of children getting the expected standard.

Police boss says give phone fines to the force

INCREASED fines from motorists using mobile phones behind the wheel should be given to police forces, the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner has said.

David Jamieson, who as minister for road safety a decade ago first introduced fines for the offence, says the money raised should be ploughed back into road safety projects.

He has written to Transport Secretary Chris Grayling over the issues after fines for motorists using mobile phones while driving were doubled to £200.

He warned that the force's attempts to enforce the law will be hindered by lack of funds and resources.

He wrote: "I would ask that you work with your colleagues at the Home Office and Treasury to recognise that further cuts to our police force will cripple its capacity to enforce the Department for Transport's commendable new measures."

Enforcement

"Furthermore, enforcement would be aided by the redirection of penalty fine proceeds to local police forces for the purpose of enforcement of road safety measures, in the same way that fines yielded from speed camera detections were between 2001 and 2010. These funds could be ring-fenced for road safety, so that offenders pay for enforcement instead of tax payers."

Under the stricter measures, newly qualified drivers, who have a ceiling of six points for their first two

MP backing German thalidomide move

A BLACK Country MP has backed a campaign for people affected by thalidomide to get fair compensation.

The drug, which was developed by German pharmaceutical company Chemie Grunenthal in 1954, was proven to cause birth defects which affected 2 000 British babies.

The German government has accepted that British thalidomides are now entitled to apply for compensation but the process requires X-rays, proof of the mother's ingestion of thalidomide and countless medical tests.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has signed a letter to the German Chancellor Angela Merkel calling for the process to be reformed. He said: "I welcome the German government's commitment to compensating people affected by thalidomide here in Britain, but the difficulty of applying for compensation will mean that many lose out. I'm backing calls for an alternative application process that makes it easier to get the compensation they deserve."

WILLIAM & SONS
autumn
sale

EXTRA
discount

off our already low **SALE PRICES**
OFFER ENDS THIS SUNDAY 5pm!

0%
Interest
Free
Credit

pay nothing until Spring 2017, not even a deposit*

Modern large sofa in a textured fabric.
WAS £999 SALE **£499**

EXTRA
discount price

£349 SAVE
£650

Walnut finish dining table & 4 chairs.
WAS £1059 SALE **£359**

EXTRA
discount price

£499 SAVE
£560

Natural oak effect triple door robe.
WAS £399 SALE **£299**

EXTRA
discount price

£199 SAVE
£200

Silentnight Miracoil luxury storage divan set.
WAS £649 SALE **£499**

EXTRA
discount price

£349 SAVE
£300

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK...
Monday to Friday 10-5.30pm
Saturday 10-6pm
Sunday 11-5pm



Level Street | Merry Hill | Dudley | West Midlands | DY5 1UA | T.01384 774444

1996-**20**16
CELEBRATING
YEARS

www.williamandsons.co.uk

Order now for guaranteed Christmas Delivery... and we'll not be beaten on Price! That's our **'Price Promise'** to you!

Visit us at www.williamandsons.co.uk and sign up to receive **OUR EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OFFERS!**



0% APR Representative *Deferred interest free credit offer available on orders over £399. Representative Example: Cash Price £399. Deposit £0. Total Amount of Credit £399. Duration of the Agreement 18 months. 12 x Monthly Repayments of £33.25 starting 6 months after delivery or collection. Annual Rate of Interest 0%. Representative APR 0%. Total Amount Payable £399. Written details available on request. Credit is subject to status. Terms & Conditions apply. Price Match Promise Terms & Conditions apply. Ask in store or see our website for further details. All offers subject to availability. F&O

YOUR CHOICE KITCHENS

YOUR CHOICE... FOR A BETTER KITCHEN



AUTUMN SPECIAL OFFER

FREE Fully Integrated DISHWASHER

with every full kitchen installation



EXTRA DISCOUNT FOR OUR RETIRED & DISABLED CUSTOMERS

FREE COMPUTER AIDED PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICE

Unit 5, Charterfield Shopping Centre,
Charterfield Drive, Kingswinford, DY6 7SH

TEL: 01384 936939



We are open 7 days a week

Teens pitch to dragons in charity challenge

MORE than 1,500 teenagers across the Black Country have taken part in a selfless scheme which included pitching ideas to a panel of judges to help charities across the region.

A total of 1,523 teens were involved in the week-long programme, which ended with the teenagers taking part in a Dragon's Den-style competition.

The youngsters had to come up with innovative ways to help local charities and all five groups involved secured the funding they pitched for.

The project was co-ordinated by the National Citizen Service, which works with 15-to-17-year-olds to improve their skills for work and life.

Mix

The government-funded scheme, which operates across England, aims to encourage youngsters to get out and mix with others their age and get involved with their local community during school breaks.

Sarah Collings, assistant programme manager at The Challenge, which delivers the NCS programme in the Black Country, said: "All of the teams should be very proud of themselves. To see them come together to do something positive in their communities is fantastic."

During the week, the teenagers spoke to community groups, a mix of charities and also had the chance to meet outgoing Green Party Leader Natalie Bennett.

Divided into groups, they then came up with campaign ideas which they had to pitch to the 'dragons' - a collection of local business leaders, fundraisers and the Express & Star's



Youngsters with their message board



A team makes its presentation



'Dragons' Lisa Needham, Laura Cowley, Dorine Mwesiga and Diane Davies

deputy editor Diane Davies. Each group were pitching for a maximum of £50, provided by The Challenge for Wolverhampton based organisations including Promise Dreams, Heath Town Elders, Gatis Street, Good Shepherd Ministry and Play Service. Their ideas included hosting a coffee morning for elders, gardening, painting, making food packaging and arranging a charity walk to raise more money.

Jamal Greenidge, 16, from Wolverhampton was among those who took part in the summer scheme.

He said: "I've gained confidence, social skills and the ability to keep engaged with people and not be on my phone every five minutes."

"Also seeing what other groups of people are like, who I might not usually meet and it opened my eyes to the wider world."

Wolverhampton Grammar School

Education as individual as your child

Independent Day School for Boys and Girls

Junior School ages 7-11 | Senior School ages 11-16 | Sixth Form ages 16-18

“

Wolverhampton Grammar School is an excellent school and I feel privileged to send my child there. Other schools were not an option for us.

Parents' Survey 2016



School Open Day - Saturday 1st October 11am-3pm

To enquire about registering your child for Wolverhampton Grammar School, please visit our Open Day or contact our Admissions Registrar, Mrs Jane Morris tel 01902 421326 or email jam@wgs-sch.net

01902 421326
www.wgs.org.uk



WOLVERHAMPTON
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Wolverhampton Grammar School | Compton Road | Wolverhampton | WV3 9RB

Jail term cut for cruel and violent daughter

A CRUEL daughter who fleeced her 82-year-old father out of £17,500, and kicked and punched him during a vicious attack at his home, has had her jail term reduced.

Davina Delo, aged 48, of Ivanhoe Street, Dudley, assumed control of David Glass' finances in 2009 after the death of his wife.

After she married David Joseph Delo, 44, of Brook Street, Dudley, they moved in with her father in Telford.

Between May 2011 and June 2014, she withdrew around £17,500 from the widower's account, Mrs Justice Simler told London's Appeal Court.

She spent the money on herself and her husband, mostly on alcohol and cigarettes. Her father's household bills went unpaid, resulting in utilities being cut off and large debts, and the house became 'shoddy and squalid'.

Funeral

In June 2014, a funeral and wake took place following the death of Davina Delo's young son, the judge said.

There was a disagreement between Mr Glass and his daughter and son-in-law and the older man went home.

After consuming alcohol the couple went home too and, after Mr Glass refused to let them back in, David Delo repeatedly punched him.



David Glass recovering in hospital after an attack by his daughter and son-in-law

Davina Delo then kicked her father to the face and head and, even after a neighbour helped him to his feet, she punched him once more.

Mr Glass said he would 'never recover' psychologically.

He left his home and went to live with another daughter.

Davina Delo admitted assault occasioning actual bodily harm and fraud and was locked up for six years three months at Shrewsbury Crown Court on August 26 last year.

The judge who jailed her described her crimes as 'shocking' and pointed

to the 'systematic exploitation' of her 'vulnerable' father.

But her lawyers argued her punishment was too tough and three Appeal Court judges this week cut her sentence to five years four months. Mrs Justice Simler, sitting with Lord Justice Burnett and Mr Justice William Davis, said the sentence for the fraud offence was too long.

David Delo had been jailed for three years seven months after admitting assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Dismissing his appeal, the judge said his punishment was 'not excessive'.

YOUR CHOICE BATHROOMS

"Our company is owned and run by local tradesmen meaning the work is carried out properly and on time. We strive to keep our prices as low as possible in order to keep within the budgets of retired, disabled and working families which make up 95% of our customers."

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER FITTING DATES NOW BEING RESERVED

YOUR ARMCHAIR GUIDE TO A NEW BATHROOM



• DECISION

Phone us for a No Obligation Quote (Daytime / Evenings or Weekends)

• QUOTATION

Design/Planning & Materials & Suite all chosen in your home & an on the spot price given.

• INSTALLATION

The Job is started & completed in around 5 days & left clean & tidy with all rubbish removed

• INSPECTION

Everything is thoroughly checked with yourself at the end of the job to your satisfaction.

• COMPLETION

Only when you are delighted with the finished job, do we accept your final balance.

• RECOMMENDATION

We hope YOUR CHOICE will be your friends choice

EXAMPLE FULL JOB FOR £3850.00

- 90x90 Quadrant Cubicle with low level tray
- 15 SQM Wall Tiles
- Tiled Floor
- Replacement Shower
- New Basin & WC

EXTRA DISCOUNT FOR OUR RETIRED & DISABLED CUSTOMERS

DISABLED SPECIAL

Are you having problems getting in & out of your bath? We will remove the Bath & Fit an easy access low level round, square or oblong cubicle & Tiled inside.

Supply a new replacement shower A Folding Seat & Grab Rail

ALL FOR ONLY £2150.00

VAT FREE IN QUALIFYING CASES

FOR FREE FRIENDLY ADVICE AND A WARM WELCOME PHONE US NOW TO BOOK YOUR FREE SURVEY

Unit 4, Charterfield Shopping Centre, Charterfield Drive, Kingswinford DY6 7SH
01384 287222

Showroom also at: 39 Lichfield Road, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton WV11 1TW
01902 861908

SHOWROOM OPEN 9am-5pm 6 Days a Week



SHIRLEY AQUATICS

SALE MUST END SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Large Koi Special Deals

20-24" Koi Now £250.00 Each

24-28" Koi Now £500.00 Each

Japanese Koi Half Price!

20% off Tropical & Marine Fish

20% off Inverts, Corals & Tropical Plants

up to 20% off Food & Treatments

Up to 15% off all aquariums in stock

In stock now: Clear, Red Sea, biOrb, ClearSeal, Fluval Edge and Betta aquariums

Up to 20% off Pond Pumps & Filters

Stockists of Oase, Hozelock, Eazypod, Nexus & Cloverleaf

Plus up to 20% off Pond UV Units & Bulbs

20% off Pond Plants

Up to 20% off Ponds, Waterfalls, Food & Treatments

10% OFF Firestone Rubber Liner & 0.5mm PVC Liner

Up to 20% off Aquarium Pumps, Filters & Heaters

up to 20% off Aquarium Lighting including LED lighting

20% off decoration

Up to 20% off all Reptile equipment & vivariums

Complete Tortoise set up from £269 incl. Tortoise

Corn Snake set up from £79.00

Leopard Gecko set up from £160.00

Stratford Rd, Shirley, West Midlands B90 4EF
Tel: 0121 744 1300 www.shirleyaquatics.co.uk
Opening times: Mon - Sat 9am-6pm Sun - 10:30am-4:30pm

Tips on taking the plunge in the saleroom

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

with John Ridgway of Perry & Phillips



WE'VE recently seen a number of new buyers in the saleroom and sometimes they appear a little nervous when they first arrive – but there's absolutely nothing to fear, honestly!

Sometimes, bidding at your first auction can be a little daunting – but it needn't be.

The first thing you need to do is view the items you would like to buy prior to the sale, and don't be afraid to ask questions of saleroom staff, they are there to help and advise.

Check the items you like to make sure they are in good condition, look for any signs of wear or damage.

Remember that condition can be all important when it comes to the value of an item at a sale.

If you're sure you would like to bid for the items you have chosen, set yourself a price limit prior to the sale and be prepared to stick to your budget if possible . . . unless a real bargain is going under the hammer and you think it's worth the extra money.

Estimates are just guidelines, sometimes a piece sells for less, sometimes for more, it all depends on who is bidding on the auction day and what they are prepared to spend.

Make sure you clearly mark your chosen items on your sale catalogue and get to the auction room in plenty of time to register, be given a bidding number and maybe have a final look around to see if anything has been added to the catalogue at the last minute that might interest you.



Then find yourself a place in the room where you can easily be seen by the auctioneer.

Remember that often sales run quickly so don't make the mistake of vanishing for a cup of coffee and a light breakfast unless you are



confident you have enough time.

Once bidding, ensure the auctioneer sees your bid and your number when you bid – and try to stick to the price you had decided upon unless you really want the item, it's easy to get carried away and spend more than you wanted to.

It's also understandable, in the heat of the moment, to bid on pieces you hadn't earmarked, which is all well and good unless you then come out of the auction and regret your actions.

You will have to pay a small buyer's premium but you can collect your items on the sale day once you have paid, check at the auction reception desk prior to the sale as to what collection arrangements are.

Ultimately, an auction can be a really exciting experience and once you've been and bought successfully you will want to go again.

Perry and Phillips Auctioneers hold sales of antiques and collectables on the first Tuesday of each month.
Valuation days, for sale items only, are held every Wednesday at the Mill Street saleroom, in Low Town, Bridgnorth, from 10am until 4pm.
The next sale takes place on Tuesday, October 4, viewing is during the weekend and Monday prior to the auction.

Whose flag are you flying with your wardrobe?



Big brands are easily recognisable

THE USA marketplace loves political merchandise and in the present race for the White House the candidates produce and sell or give away branded gear to supporters.

Campaign buttons and badges bearing political advertising date back to the days of George Washington.

In the UK we are less likely to wear 'in your face' sponsorship of our political views but we do sport many political statement T-shirts, most recently the Brexit campaign, fox hunting and human rights.

We advertise our views, likes and dislikes, we wear our personalities for all to see.

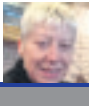
Some of the newest garments have an emblazoned written declaration or quote or a photo print of something relevant to our lives, it may be our choice in music, art our favourite pet or designer.

Our bodies are the advertising hoardings of our generation, most of the garments we wear sponsor communicate and display a company product, however subtle.

Today, when walking the dog, I wore Adidas trainers with the three stripes, Nike sweatpants with the 'Swoosh' and a Regatta

STYLE FOCUS

with Janet Timmis



branded fleece with an embroidered logo, the dog has a 'Puppia' harness and I carried an iphone, complete product placement without realising it.

Our cars, shopping bags, drinks bottles and fast food declare our brand purchases and shopping preferences and the companies we work for advertise on our uniforms and workwear.

While watching the football last week I noticed the 'Michael Jordan' basketball icon on boots worn by Barcelona footballer Neymar, a cross mixture of sport branding but instantly recognisable. Celebrities and sports personalities earn a high income from sponsorship of brands and product which in turn make the item more desirable. Andy Murray is reported to have signed a multi-million pound deal with Standard Life to join his sponsorship



Keep a close eye on how much extra salt you add



Rock salt is no healthier than regular salt



Too much salt can lead to serious health problems later on

Shaking up the myths over salt consumption



Many adults consume too much salt

AS a nation, it seems we can't get enough of our favourite white seasoning. But with UK adults reportedly consuming 33 per cent more salt a day than is recommended, is it time to break the habit?

Most of us are well aware that high blood pressure is a major risk factor for some of the UK's most common killers, such as stroke and coronary heart disease.

But are you aware just how big a role salt consumption can play in developing high blood pressure in the first place?

Even if you are clued up on this, there's still a chance you're not entirely sure how much salt you're consuming – especially if you regularly eat processed foods (things like ready-made sauces, basically many of the foods you're not preparing from scratch), which, according to Consensus Action on Salt & Health (CASH), around 75 per cent of the salt in our diets comes from.

According to recent research from low-salt alternative brand LoSalt, nearly two-thirds of people (63 per cent) are not actively reducing their salt intake – which indicates there's still a lack of awareness around the white stuff and its associated

By Sophie Cockett

health risks. So what else do you need to know about salt intake?

Here is some salt myth-busting to point you in the right direction...

MYTH: You can eat as much salt as you like

False! We need salt to survive, so cutting it out entirely is NOT the goal. However, too much of it can lead to potentially serious problems down the line.

As many as three-quarters (75 per cent) of the population don't realise that 6g is the maximum daily recommended salt intake, according to the LoSalt survey.

There's two components in salt: sodium and chloride, and it's the sodium that is doing the damage because it can lead to high blood pressure.

Although most people with high blood pressure don't realise they have it, it is responsible for around 50 per cent of heart disease cases and 60 per cent of strokes, according to the World Health Organisation.

MYTH: Rock salt is healthier than regular salt

Many people believe trendier sea and rock salts are healthier than regular salts, but this is incorrect.

Nutritionist and dietitian Azmina Govindji says: "They contain the same amount of

with Adidas, Head and Swiss watch brand Rado. Look around you now? I can personally see a Toshiba television, HP laptop, Walkers crisps, Yankee candle, Crocs, the list is endless, the branding loud and clear. It is sometimes why we purchase a product and actually enjoy the unashamed advertising. It gives us credibility, importance and a certain style, sometimes we don't even notice it is there!

Designers aim to sell their product from an icon rather than a name, the buyer prefers a recognised symbol, something we inadvertently recommend to our peers, stylish and interesting. Unfortunately, this is why 'knock-offs' are so appealing to us. Generally, we don't take the time to notice what is wrong with our counterfeit items and they will be a small percentage of the price. It may be a variation to the logo or a similar name, it is definitely illegal but is still a form of advertising for the original company.

What are you advertising today?

Find out more at www.jflexclusive.com and www.jflgarmentsolutions.co.uk
Follow: [jflifeandloves](https://www.tumblr.com/jflifeandloves) on tumblr

Convenient way to have free flu jab

21
Stourbridge Chronicle Thursday, September 29, 2016

Commercial feature

Local community pharmacy teams in the Dudley area have begun offering free NHS flu jabs following last year's successful national pharmacy flu vaccination scheme.

Nearly 600,000 people chose to have their flu jab administered in a community pharmacy during 2015/16.

Once again all adults aged 65 years and over, and those aged 18 years or over and in clinical risk groups, can receive a free NHS flu jab at community pharmacies across the area, often without the need for an appointment. People in at-risk groups include pregnant women and those with certain medical conditions including asthma and diabetes.

Pharmacists will be providing the same flu vaccination as those offered by GPs and patients can be assured that their GP practice will be notified that they have been vaccinated.

Feedback

NHS flu vaccination services provided by community pharmacists have shown that the convenience of pharmacy's walk in service gives the NHS benefits in increasing uptake of the vaccine in eligible groups of people and helping meet World Health Organisation vaccination targets. Patients have been overwhelmingly positive in their feedback on the pharmacy services in the past.

Community pharmacists in 7,195 pharmacies across England provided 595,467 vaccinations to patients under the national NHS Flu Vaccination Service in 2015/16. On average, 83 vaccinations were carried out by each participating pharmacy,



Stephen Noble discusses having a flu vaccination with community pharmacist Florid Ahmed

although two pharmacists greatly exceeded this by completing more than 1,000 NHS flu vaccinations each. Local community pharmacist Florid Ahmed said: "I am really excited about the start of this year's Flu Vaccination Service.

"I have been offering vaccinations and other public health services for several years and my patients have been extremely positive

about these. There is so much that community pharmacists and their teams can do to help people with their medicines and their health."

Stephen Noble, a member of Dudley Local Pharmaceutical Committee, said: "Community pharmacy provision of NHS flu vaccinations this flu season means that once again many eligible adult patients will have greater access to this service. Many people may choose pharmacy

because they are unable to attend GP clinics due to factors such as their work hours and because they can visit pharmacies in a variety of locations and without the need to book an appointment.

"Community pharmacies are the most accessible healthcare locations; we offer convenient access to medicines and a range of services without the need for an



Florid Ahmed administers the flu jab to Stephen Noble

appointment. This will be of particular value in flu vaccinations, where we can really help the NHS to meet its vaccination targets.

"In 2015/16, more than 60 per cent of all community pharmacies in England provided the national service to almost 600,000 people. This shows that patients value the convenience of being able to choose to have their NHS flu vaccination from their local pharmacy."

FREE NHS FLU JABS for at risk groups

DIABETIC
PREGNANT
HEALTH CONDITION
CARER
ASTHMATIC
HEART DISEASE
OVER 65
WEEKENED IMMUNE SYSTEM

Any of these? You could be entitled to a
FREE FLU JAB
ASK YOUR PHARMACIST



Find your local participating pharmacy at

[www.psnc.org.uk/
dudley-lpc/flujab](http://www.psnc.org.uk/dudley-lpc/flujab)



CUT OUT THE MIDDLE MAN SAVE UP TO 70% OFF HIGH STREET PRICES



Make the switch
Join 1,000s of satisfied customers that have...
AND SAVE ££££'s

The Spectacle Store

Bring your prescription or book an eye test. Call and save!

3 Mill Street, Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 2RG - 01384 484446
264 Castle Street, Dudley, West Midlands DY1 1LQ - 01384 252903
37 Capehill, Windmill Lane, Smethwick, West Midlands B66 4RX - 0121 558 1621



BRIERLEY HILL



Brierley Hill is situated along the main A461 road between Stourbridge and Dudley.

The name Brierley Hill derives from the old english words 'brer', meaning the place where the Briar Rose grew 'leah' meaning a woodland clearing and hill.

Brierley Hill is a product of the Industrial Revolution heavily industrialised by the beginning of the 19th century with a number of quarries, collieries, glass works and iron works emerging.

A National School was opened in the town in 1835 and a market area had developed along the High Street.

By the start of the 20th century the decline in manufacturing resulted in an unemployment rate of 25% in Brierley Hill. With the close of the Round Oak Steelworks in December 1982, the steel works site and the adjacent Merry Hill Farm was designated as an Enterprise Zone which was redeveloped to create Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

BRETTELL LANE STOVES & FLUES

70 STOVES AND 18 DEMONSTRATION MODELS



- All leading manufacturers
- Call in for a FREE Quotation
- Full Installation Service
- All work carried out by our own installers

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM

Just 1 mile from Merry Hill
Open Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm
Unit H, Emms Court (right at the end), Meeting Lane Ind. Estate, off Brettell Lane, Brierley Hill DY5 3LB

TEL: 01384 263290



or see our new website www.westmidlandstoves.com

T. H. BAKER

Family Jewellers
Est. 1888

Head Office
T H Baker & Co Ltd
95 High Street
Brierley Hill
West Bromwich
DY5 3AU

01384 78379

www.thbaker.co.uk

EXTRA DISCOUNTS ON THE END OF SUMMER SALE...

Instore and Online

www.dreamlandbedding.co.uk

EVERYTHING RIGHT FROM ADVICE TO PRICE
Dreamland Superstore
23 Mill Street, Brierley Hill, 01384 74100
Open Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm
Supporters of Mary Stevens Hospice



High Street, Brierley Hill
HOME OF THE KARNDAN CLOCK

Brintons CLEARANCE CENTRE

**CALL IN OR
GO ONLINE TODAY**

www.carpetfactoryoutletsskinnerminster.com

CARPET FACTORY OUTLETS | 01384 263149



Est. Since 1984
New click flooring department
OPENING OFFER 10% OFF
Excludes already reduced stock

Victoria Soft touch 50 special
from **£13.95** sq. mtr 6 Colours

Heavy Domestic 50
80/20 Twist
from **£13.95** sq. mtr

Stain Free Twist
from **£12.95** sq. mtr

**Karndean Flooring
SALE**

Brintons

VICTORIA CARPETS

BROCKWAY

Karndean
Designflooring

DEDICATED SHOWROOM

The Home of Flooring

BRIERLEY HILL

NEWS RELEASE NEWS RELEASE NEWS RELEASE Duncan Edwards charity gala

A charity gala, including some of the biggest names in footballing history is set to honour the borough's favourite sporting son this autumn.

The Duncan Edwards Charity Gala will be held at Brierley Hill Civic Hall on 1 October, on what would have been Duncan's 80th birthday.

Special guests are set to include former West Bromwich Albion players Bob Taylor, and Darren Moore, as well as former Manchester United players, such as Quinton Fortune. Edwards was a gifted footballer whose promising career was cut short by the fatal 1958 Munich air crash in which 23 people died, including crew, journalists and eight of the famous Busby Babes. Duncan was critically injured in the crash and died in hospital on 21 February, 15 days after the incident occurred.

The charity gala is the brainchild of Rose Monk, writer, producer and award-winning documentary maker whose film 'And then came Munich' has been the bestselling sports film on Amazon for the past three years, raising thousands of pounds for charity in the process. The proceeds of the gala will go towards The James Bulger Memorial Trust and the Mary Stevens Hospice, in Stourbridge, who are helping to organise the event alongside Rose.

Local celebrities and sports stars are invited and Duncan's cousins as well as the Mayor of Dudley, family members of other Busby Babes will be in attendance. The evening will also include a three course dinner, performances by former Mayor's Civic Award Winners The Gentlemen Songsters and fellow winners local folk band 'The Empty Can', who penned the original Black Country Anthem, as well as a showing of Rose's documentary. There will be a charity auction of signed memorabilia and a charity raffle to raise extra funds.

James Stevens, chairman of the Black Country Festival organising committee, said: "The Black Country Festival is all about celebrating the great and the good of the Black Country, past and present and I can't think of a greater way to round-off this year's Black Country Festival activities than by performing at the Duncan Edwards Charity Gala."

Councillor Pete Lowe, leader of Dudley Council, said: "We are so proud that Dudley Council, through the Black Country Festival is playing a part in Duncan's birthday celebrations. It'll be my birthday weekend too and there'll be money behind the bar from me, as my own way of saying thank you to the people of the borough who share a sense of civic pride and community spirit."

Councillor Mohammed Hanif, Mayor of Dudley Council said: "I am honoured to be taking part in this charity gala which celebrates the life and career of someone who is still so important to the people of Dudley today."

"And as a huge Man United fan myself, I am really looking forward to this evening and meeting people who are keeping Duncan's memory alive."

Amanda Bowen, Community Engagement Officer at Mary Stevens Hospice, said: "As an organisation, we are immensely proud of our Black Country and the incredible community we support through such difficult times, so to be involved in an event which will do so much good and pay tribute to an iconic Dudley figure like Duncan is a real privilege."

It's shaping up to be a wonderful evening, and we can't wait to see everyone on the night."

For more information on events Black Country Festival events taking place throughout July visit www.black-country-festival.co.uk
To find out more about the work done by the James Bulger Memorial Trust, visit: www.forjames.org
To find out more about the Mary Stevens Hospice, visit: www.marystevenshospice.co.uk
For further information contact:
Amy Shaw Communications 01384 817448



DC DOMESTIC

WE HAVE MOVED

Electric Cookers

Gas Cookers

Fridges

Washing Machines

Tumble Dryers

Vacuum Cleaners

FREE DELIVERY UP TO 5 MILES

NEW STOCK ARRIVING DAILY

RECONDITIONED & GRADED APPLIANCES ALL WITH 12 MONTH WARRANTY

FIND US AT: 106 HIGH STREET, BRIERLEY HILL
CALL 07429 705750

MISTED UNITS?

Replacement Glass Cut To Size

Call us with approx size!!!

UPVC, Wood or Aluminium Frame

ENTERPRISE GLASS & GLAZING Ltd
of Brierley Hill

IMMEDIATE FREE QUOTE... 01384 571217
All areas covered

www.enterprise-glazing.co.uk

CareCo

the discount mobility experts

SAVE UP TO **70%** ON MOBILITY SCOOTERS

Over 250,000 mobility products sold!

"This scooter is a great buy, I have used this over all sorts of terrain, over short and long distances and it has never let me down!"

David Parry - Surrey

Birmingham
Your Local Mobility Store
careco.co.uk 01384 489 119

SAVE UP TO **38%** ON RISER RECLINERS

SAVE UP TO **44%** ON ADJUSTABLE BEDS

SAVE UP TO **52%** ON WHEELCHAIRS

CareCo £10
£10 OFF
WHEN YOU SPEND OVER £100

Please present voucher at point of purchase. 1 voucher to be used per transaction.
Offer ends 30/9/16

EXCLUSIVE IN-STORE VOUCHER

CareCo £25
£25 OFF
WHEN YOU SPEND OVER £250

Please present voucher at point of purchase. 1 voucher to be used per transaction.
Offer ends 30/9/16

EXCLUSIVE IN-STORE VOUCHER

CareCo £50
£50 OFF
WHEN YOU SPEND OVER £500

Please present voucher at point of purchase. 1 voucher to be used per transaction.
Offer ends 30/9/16

EXCLUSIVE IN-STORE VOUCHER

Where to find us
CareCo, Pedmore Road
Ind Est Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 1TJ


Birmingham, West Midlands

Mon - Sat: 9am to 5pm
Sun: 10am to 4pm
01384 489119

Free Parking
Disabled Toilet Facilities

Get Active This Summer with TRAVEL to 8MPH scooters

We Stock All The Best Brands...



Sunbeach
Sunbeach Holiday Park, Llwyngwrl, Gwynedd, Wales, LL37 2QQ
t: 01341 250263
e: sunbeach@allenscaravans.com

Massive Complex Refurb with Indoor Pool & Splash Area, Soft Play, Games Room, Adventure Playground, Shop, Restaurant and Bar.

Also on Park is a Boat Park, Own Beach and it's Open 11 Months

www.AllensCaravans.com

NHS DENTISTRY CARE MODERN NHS DENTISTRY WITH CARE

**Look
great &
feel
great in
2016**

WE ALSO OFFER:

- BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES APPLIED
- ONE TO ONE QUALITY CARE
- DIGITAL XRAY
- SAME DAY URGENT BOOKINGS
- ORTHODONTIC CARE
- CHOICE OF FOUR EXPERT DENTISTS



RICHMOND HOUSE DENTAL PRACTISE
Book your appointment today
01384 390111



All work guaranteed
135 High Street, Amblecote
Stourbridge DY8 4YY
www.eliassmilecentre.co.uk

WIN WIN WIN WIN £50

To spend with an advertiser who has appeared on these two pages...

Simply answer the questions below and fill in the coupon on the opposite side to win

1. Who has winter fashion arriving daily?
2. Where on Stourbridge High Street sells flowers and cakes for all occasions?
3. What street is Grandad's Attic on?
4. What Dentist gives excellent dental care?
5. Name the Butchers in Wollaston that has award winning pork pies?
6. Where can you get the Best Quality at Bargain Deals for wheelchairs and Mobility Accessories?
7. Which Paving service is City & Guilds approved?

Do You Love These Programmes.....?
Antiques Roadshow, Salvage Hunters, Bargain Hunt, Flog It!
Then you will love Grandad's Attic!



MacMillan Coffee Morning
Saturday 1st October
From 11.00am
Coffee, Tea,
Homemade
Cakes

Grandad's Attic

Grandad's Attic, Canal Street, Stourbridge DY8 4LU
01384 396444 | www.grandadsattic.com

Est 25 years
The Greenhouse Florist & Flossie's Bakehouse
Beautiful flowers and delicious cakes for weddings, celebrations, birthdays and all occasions



127 High Street,
Stourbridge DY8 1DT
01384 443556
enquiries@thegreenhouse-florist.com
www.thegreenhouse-florist.com

MY SISTER'S CLOSET

AMAZING, AFFORDABLE FASHION, RIGHT ON YOUR DOORSTEP

NEW WINTER STOCK ARRIVING DAILY



136 High Street, Stourbridge DY8 1DE
01384 591058

ACE PAVING SERVICES LTD

City and Guilds approved

- Tarmacing • Concrete Imprint
- Block Paving and Patios • Landscaping
- Streetworks • Curb dropping • Turfing
- Fencing and Decking • Power Washing
- 5 year guarantee • FREE estimate
- 15 years experience • Fully insured

01384 847115 | 0121 7692193 | 07448031419

Web: www.acepaving.com
Email: acepaving@outlook.com
Cradley Enterprise Centre, Maypole Fields,
Halesowen B63 2QB

Lange of Wollaston

A warm friendly welcome awaits you from owner Adam and his Father Peter and team, Tony, Darren & Emma.

Although a traditional butchers, we offer creative twists due to our innovative delights such as our award winning pies "The New Yorker" and "The Mexicans".

Getting into the spirit of the football and BBQ season, we have launched our "Wollaston Whopper" foot long award winning pork sausage. Fancy something a little more spicy?

Try the "Wollaston Shocker", pork sausage with Ghost Chili or maybe a little more smokey? Then our Bourbon Big Boy Banger with Jim Beam is for you.

All our produce is locally sourced: Lamb from Western Park & Pork from Shrewsbury.

Our luxuries to:

- A variety of award winning pork pies
- Home cured Black Country Bacon
- A range of home made sausages • Free range eggs
- Homemade oven ready meals and pies
- West Coast Ginger Co. Vinegars
- Snowdonia Cheese Company
- Stuffing • Seasonings • Pickles • Variety of chutneys

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7 am-5.30 pm, Sat 7-4.30 pm
127 Bridgnorth Road, Stourbridge DY8 3NX
Tel: 01384 395460

WIN WIN WIN £50

Fill in the coupon below answering the questions on the opposite page, and send in your answers to the address on the coupon.

Send your entries to: Susan Jones, Stourbridge Chronicle,
3 Market Street, Stourbridge DY8 1AB

Answers: 1 2
3 4
5 6
7

Mr/Mrs/Miss First Name Surname

Address

Postcode Tel No

Email

I have read the rules and agree to abide by them.

Signature

I would like to spend my prize money with:

Closing date: 7/10/16

Rules: Entrants must be 18 or over. Closing date for entries is . The winner will be notified by post. The first correct entry opened after the closing date will receive the prize. There is no cash alternative to the prize. The prize will be issued in cheque form made payable to the advertiser as chosen by the winner. Once issued the cheque cannot be altered and must be cashed within two months of receipt. Employees or their immediate relatives of the MNA group of companies may NOT enter. The Editor's decision is final. The winner must be prepared to take part in any publicity.

AKAI BOSCH Breville CARMEN dyson Elgento itek KENWOOD

WHEEL CHAIRS FROM £50

MOBILITY ACCESSORIES FROM £10

Kettle & Toaster Man
TRADE WAREHOUSE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Unit 2C, Albion Works, Moor St., Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 3SZ
Tel: 01384 483 286
OPEN: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Sat 8am-12pm

GRADED PRODUCT SPECIALIST
All products will carry a guarantee

MANY MORE OFFERS IN STORE...

We specialise in finding you the best deals available on daily basis. We stock electrical and other everyday retail products at up to 80% off the normal retail selling price.

www.kettleandtoasterman.co.uk

BESPOKE FITTED BEDROOMS

MARTYN 4 NEW IDEAS

Why choose us?

- ✓ Local family business
- ✓ FREE design service (we come to you)
- ✓ Styles to suit every taste and budget, from the smallest room to master en suites
- ✓ We build and fit all of our bedrooms

Showroom at:
Unit 6, Two Woods Trading Estate, Talbotts Lane, Brierley Hill DY5 2YX (1 mile from Merry Hill Centre)
Call us today on:
01384 482662 OR 07802 451232
to arrange a FREE visit and quotation or click onto
www.martyn4newideas.co.uk

THE TALBOT HOTEL STOURBRIDGE

BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR CHRISTMAS PARTIES
CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH
BOXING DAY CARVERY

We are now licensed to hold civil wedding ceremonies

The Talbot Hotel
High Street, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 1DW
Tel: 01384 394350 F: 01384 371318
E: info@thetalbot-hotel.co.uk
www.thetalbot-hotel.co.uk

TimberTim

Professional Tree Surgeon

Established in 2002, Timber Tim Ltd is a Professional Tree Surgeon based in the West Midlands and dedicated to providing the highest levels of tree services, customer care and satisfaction for a variety of individuals and organisations in the West Midlands.

We specialise in the following

- Trees Felled, Dismantled & Reduced
- Stump Grinding
- Storm Damage Repair
- 24-Hour Callout Service
- Local Authority Contracts
- Site Clearances
- Free No Obligation Quotes
- Fully Insured

Mobile: 07970 618 998
Tel: 01384 594 270
Web: www.timbertim.co.uk Email: tim@timbertim.co.uk

belting BOSCH Candy beko CDA Hotpoint midea newworld

Prices subject to availability

Beko American Fridge Freezers Box Damaged FROM £399.99	Hisense Fridge Freezer with Drinks Dispenser 2 Year Guarantee FROM £219.99	Leisure 90cm Dual Fuel Range Cooker Box Damaged ONLY £699.99	BEKO 75cm Frost Free FROM £379.99	Beko Dryers Box Damaged FROM £119.99
FRIDGE FREEZERS	COOKERS	DISHWASHERS	TUMBLE DRYERS	WASHING MACHINES
American Style Fridge Freezers FROM ONLY £359.99	FROM ONLY £159.99	FROM ONLY £159.99	FROM ONLY £139.99	FROM ONLY £99.99
FROM ONLY £129.99	FROM ONLY £199.99	FROM ONLY £159.99	FROM ONLY £129.99	FROM ONLY £129.99

A HUGE RANGE OF INTEGRATED APPLIANCES AVAILABLE

Integrated Frost Free Fridge Freezers FROM ONLY £199.99	Integrated Dish Washers FROM ONLY £159.99	Integrated Washing Machines FROM ONLY £219.99	Integrated Hobs FROM ONLY £79.99	Built in Single Ovens FROM ONLY £129.99
---	---	---	--	---

BORSHCH
Gas & Electrical Superstore

OTHER BRANCHES IN

Birmingham Upper Trinity Street Birmingham B9 4EG 0121 773 6361	Walsall Unit 17-19 Victorian Arcade WSI IRE 01922 279927	Erdington 1-41 Sutton Road Erdington B23 6QH 0121 448 0202
---	--	--

Dudley
Pear Tree Lane
Dudley DY2 0QU
01384 571 879

FREE DELIVERY OVER £150 WITH THIS VOUCHER
Expires 2nd October 2016

Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 6.00pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm

Extended guarantee available • At least 12 months guarantee • Local delivery & installation • Sirius Retailer of the Year 2012

www.borshchelectric.co.uk



Ocker Hill's Safety Committee in the 1960s



Safety awards being handed out in the canteen



Ocker Hill power station showing one of the on-site engines



Accident, in the early 60s, when a truck hit a wall



The capstan operator with a newly-provided safety rail

When city had its own power station

WOLVERHAMPTON used to have its own power station in Commercial Road, providing electricity not just to the city, but as far afield as Albrighton and Penkridge.

Its original two wooden cooling towers were later replaced by a single concrete tower, which dominated the Bilston Road skyline until it was knocked down in the 1980s.

A more memorable and larger local power station was Ocker Hill in Tipton, providing power throughout the Black Country. Originally opened in 1897, a new station was built on the site in 1903, and was to cover 14 acres.

It also originally had wooden cooling towers but these were replaced by three concrete ones which, together with the

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

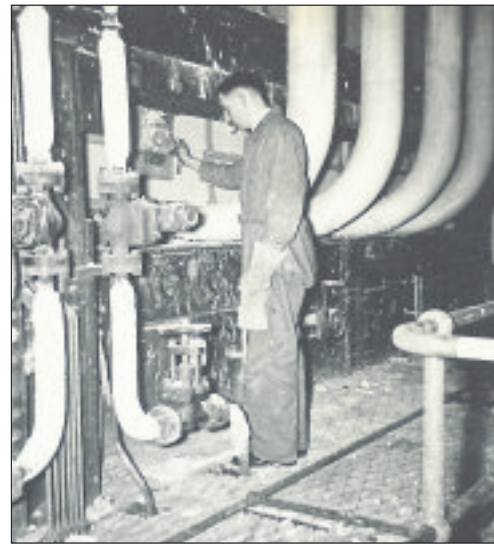
station's four chimneys, were an unmistakable feature of the Black Country's skyline.

Ocker's Hills boilers and generating equipment were upgraded and changed over the years, but it was always one of the country's most efficient stations, running at a much higher average capacity than most.

It was coal-fired, with supplies of coal being brought in by canal and by railway, with a small proportion by road.

In 1977 it was converted to a gas-fired station, and in 1985 the cooling towers were knocked down and it closed for good in 1996.

Now the site is Ocker Hill housing estate.



A re-enacted site of a fall, note the safety rail lying on the floor

Star Reader Travel
Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Your chronicle
in association with

RIVIERA TRAVEL

EUROPE'S FINEST RIVER CRUISES



Rhine, Danube, Moselle, Main, Rhône, Douro or Seine

Riviera Travel are pleased to announce the release of our brand new all-suite ships for 2017, operating alongside our luxurious and elegant selection of five-star vessels including the MS Lord Byron, MS William Shakespeare, MS Jane Austen and MS Charles Dickens, all boasting superb cuisine and the most comfortable surroundings possible.

Price includes:

- Return flights from a choice of regional airports or standard class reserved seat on Eurostar from London St. Pancras
- Return rail connections on selected dates and cruises from over fifty regional stations*
- Beautifully appointed five-star cabins with hotel standard beds
- Exceptional cuisine with full board throughout
- A choice of eleven stunning cruises
- Very extensive and fully inclusive touring programmes
- Escorted by an experienced cruise manager

Holidays organised by and subject to the booking conditions of Riviera Travel, New Manor, 328 Wetmore Road, Burton On Trent, Staffordshire DE14 1SP and are offered subject to availability. ABTA V4744 ATOL 3430 protected. Per person prices based on two sharing a twin room. Single rooms and optional insurance available at a supplement. Images used in conjunction with Riviera Travel. Additional entrance costs may apply. *Supplements may apply for certain regional stations.

See the website to
view our videos!

8 days from
£1,099pp or
15 days from
£1,799pp

To request a FREE brochure, call: **01283 742386**
or visit: **www.wolriviera.co.uk** (quote WOL)



Buy and sell with ClassifiedAds



1

Visit our ClassifiedAds website
classifiedads.expressandstar.co.uk



2

Call our Classified sales team
on **01902 317 878**



3

Self Serve - Create your own advert
in print and online - visit:
bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk



ClassifiedAds

BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL

Brought to you by **Express & Star**

fast the ticket

Storm brewing

Shakespeare's finest – Page 29



What's that sound?

See Page 29

For full listings see **Express & Star** every Friday

Travelstyle COACH HOLIDAYS **FREE BROCHURE 0844 288 0830** or visit travelstyletours.co.uk

SPECIAL EVENTS

2/3/4 DAYS FROM **£69.95**

LOTS MORE EVENTS...
travelstyletours.co.uk

HALF BOARD ACCOMMODATION
Ticket included

8 OCT • YORK RACES - CORAL SPRINT TROPHY
15 OCT • NORTH YORKS MOORS WARTIME RAILWAY & YORK
15 OCT • BATTLE OF HASTINGS 950 & TUNBRIDGE WELLS
29 OCT • MATLOCK BATH ILLUMINATIONS & CHESTER
12/19 NOV • LIVERPOOL AT XMAS & MANCHESTER XMAS MARKET
12/19 NOV • BRONTE AT XMAS, STEAM & MANCHESTER XMAS MARKET
18 NOV • TOWER OF LONDON POPPES AT CARMARHON CASTLE
19 NOV • LONDON LIGHTS, RIGHTS, WINDMILLS & COVENT GARDEN
19 NOV • BURY MARKET, STEAM & MANCHESTER XMAS MARKET
19 NOV • CHATSWORTH AT XMAS & CHESTER XMAS MARKET
20 NOV • LLANDUDNO & CHESTER XMAS MARKETS ELVIS TRIBUTE
20 NOV • CHESTER & CHATSWORTH XMAS MARKETS
20 NOV • LLANDUDNO & CHESTER XMAS MARKETS



CHRISTMAS PARTY TRIBUTE WEEKENDS

2 DAYS **£69.95**

Overnight
half board,
super
Tribute Act

*LEEDS CHRISTKIDLEMARKET
& YORK ST NICHOLAS FAYRE
Staying at the Grand Hotel,
Scarborough
27 NOV • ABBA
4 DEC • DIANA ROSS

*Most
drinks 2
for 1 from
6-9pm

3 day breaks also available featuring Elvis, Elton John, Sinatra, Kylie, Tom Jones, Michael Buble,
Abba, Rod Stewart, Motown - CALL FOR BROCHURE

TORQUAY & EDEN PROJECT

4/5 DAYS FROM **£149.95**
3/4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Seascope/Bancourt Hotel
• Admission included to Eden Project
4 DAYS FRI 21 OCT
5 DAYS MON 24 OCT

LONDON FREEDOM WEEKEND

2 DAYS **£79.95**
OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD
• Maximum free time in London for shopping or sightseeing
EVERY SATURDAY UNTIL 17 DEC

ALBERT HALL XMAS SHOW & HYDE PARK WINTER WONDERLAND

2 DAYS **£99.95**
OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD
• Ticket to Albert Hall's amazing Xmas Show plus the
stunning festive event & Xmas Markets at Hyde Park
SAT 10, 17 DEC

MURDER-MYSTERY WEEKENDS

2 for 1
BAR
6pm-9pm
(T&C APPLY)
Murder-mystery themed evening on Sat evening
3 DAYS **£99.95**
TWO NIGHTS HALF BOARD
LLANDUDNO Loretta Hotel
FRIDAYS 7 OCT
18 NOV (includes Chester Xmas Market), 2 DEC



CHRISTMAS MARKET WEEKENDS

2 DAYS
£59.95

*LIVERPOOL & MANCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET
12, 19, 26 NOV Xmas party night + most drinks 2 for 1 6-9pm **£69.95**
*EXETER & BATH CHRISTMAS MARKETS
26 NOV, 3, 10 DEC Xmas party night in Torquay Hotel **£69.95**
*CHATSWORTH AT CHRISTMAS & CHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET
19, 26 NOV, 10 DEC Admission to Chatsworth House included! **£89.95**
*BRONTE STEAM & MANCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET
12, 19 NOV Steam train ride included **£79.95**
*BURY MARKET, STEAM & MANCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET
12, 19, 26 NOV East Lancs steam train ride included **£79.95**
Lots more available - including Tribute Weekends and
Christmas Market Day Trips CALL FOR BROCHURE!

Shop for
that elusive
Christmas
present!

Overnight
half board

BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS

2/3/5 DAYS FROM **£59.95**
HALF BOARD at Selected Hotels
2 DAYS - 16, 30 OCT
3 DAYS - 28 OCT
5 DAYS - 24 OCT

LIVERPOOL BEATLES TOUR MERSEY CRUISE & CHESTER

2 DAYS **£79.95**
OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD
• Includes River Explorer Cruise & Beatles Tour
SAT 15, 29 OCT

FESTIVE 4/5 DAYS BREAKS **£99.95**

Breakfast, dinner &
Christmas Day Lunch
included!

• BOURNEMOUTH
• BLACKPOOL
• BRIGHTON
• EASTBOURNE
• FOLKESTONE
• ISLE OF WIGHT
• LLANDUDNO
• SCARBOROUGH
• SCOTLAND
• SOUTHPORT
• SPAIN, COSTA/BAVA
• TORQUAY
• WESTON-S-MARE
Lots more available including
Privateater breaks. Call for brochure

You May Also Like: Torquay, Isle of Wight, Bournemouth, Eastbourne, Folkestone, Llandudno Breaks from **£59.95**

theticket

To Advertise
here please call
Daniel Eccles on
**01384
353 227**

Express & Star

Tamsin Waley-Cohen



**Monday, 7.30pm
Town Hall, Birmingham**

The young British violinist gives a recital with her pianist Huw Watkins featuring sonatas from Beethoven, Elgar and Ravel, plus a selection from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess. Visit thsh.co.uk

Ultimate Painting



Tuesday, 7.30pm

Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath

London duo Jack Cooper and James Hoare will bring in a rhythm section to give their wistful meanderings more punch live as they prepare to release new album Dusk. Visit hareandhoundskingsheath.co.uk

Feeder

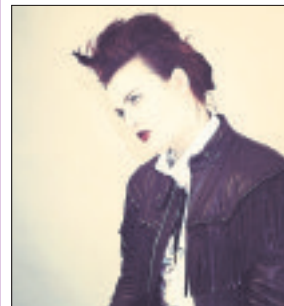


Tuesday, 7pm

O2 Institute, Digbeth

The Welsh rockers return after a summer headline slot at the Isle of Wight Festival as they celebrate 20 years with a tour preparing for their ninth album. Visit academymusicgroup.com/o2institutebirmingham/

Ren Harvieu & Romeo



Tonight, 7pm

O2 Institute 3, Digbeth

Romeo Stodart of London's brother-sister harmony combo The Magic Numbers teams up with Salford singing sensation Ren Harvieu. Visit academymusicgroup.com/o2institutebirmingham/

CLUBBING

Propaganda feat. Packy Lee (Peaky Blinders' Johnny Dogs) DJ set

Tonight,
O2 Academy Birmingham,
B1 1DB.
Call 0121 622 8250

ROCK & METAL

Grouper

Tonight - tomorrow,
The Jam House, Birmingham,
B31QU.
Call 0121 200 3030

Of Mice & Men

Tonight,
O2 Academy Birmingham,
B1 1DB.
Call 0121 622 8250

The Superskas

Tonight, £8 - £10
The Robin 2, Bilston, WV14 7LJ.
Call 01902 401211

u2uk

Tonight,
Courtyard Hereford, HR4 9JR.
Call 01432 340555

From the Jam

Tonight,
The O2 Institute, Digbeth,
Birmingham, B5 6DY.
Call 0121 643 0428

Definitely Mightbe (Oasis tribute)

Tomorrow,
O2 Academy Birmingham,
B1 1DB.
Call 0121 622 8250

Dark Side Of The Wall

- A tribute to Pink Floyd
Tomorrow, £13 - £15
Huntingdon Hall, CrownGate
Shopping Centre, Worcester,
WR1 3LD.
Call 01905 611427

Fleetwood Bac

Tomorrow, £12 - £13
The Robin 2, Bilston, WV14 7LJ.
Call 01902 401211

The English Beat

Tomorrow,
The O2 Institute, Digbeth,
Birmingham, B5 6DY.
Call 0121 643 0428

John Banner Promotions presents Rock 'n' Reminisce with The Pontiacs

Tomorrow, £12.50 - £14.50
Huntingdon Hall, CrownGate
Shopping Centre, Worcester,
WR1 3LD.
Call 01905 611427

Gordon Hendricks As Elvis 2016

Tomorrow - Sun, £21
Artrix, Bromsgrove,
B60 1PQ.
Call 01527 577330

Out Of The Shadows (three hour set)

Sun,
Fletchers, Kings Heath,
Birmingham, B14 7SA.
Call 0121 443 4725

Moose Blood

Mon,
The O2 Institute, Digbeth,
Birmingham, B5 6DY.
Call 0121 643 0428

Marianas Trench

Mon,
O2 Academy Birmingham,
B1 1DB.
Call 0121 622 8250

Fireball - Fuelling The Fire Tour:

Less Than Jake, Mariachi El Bronx, The Skints, The Bennies
Wed,
O2 Academy Birmingham,
B1 1DB.
Call 0121 622 8250

The Trevor Burton charity show

Thu, £8 - £10
The RoadHouse Birmingham,
Kings Norton, B30 3DZ.
Call 0121 246 2273

POP

Duran: The Tribute + support

Tonight, £6
The RoadHouse Birmingham,
Kings Norton, B30 3DZ.
Call 0121 246 2273

Bee Gees Fever

Tonight, £8
The River Rooms, Stourbridge,
DY8 1JN.
Call 01384 397 177
or 07986 577 661

Jamie T

Tomorrow,
O2 Academy Birmingham,
B1 1DB.
Call 0121 622 8250

Jake Quickenden

Wed,
O2 Academy Birmingham,
B1 1DB.
Call 0121 622 8250

Level 42 - Sirens II Tour 2016

Thu,
Victoria Hall, Hanley,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 3AD.
Call 0844 871 7649

JAZZ, BLUES, SOUL FUNK & MOTOWN

The Blues Brothers

Tonight,
Hogarth's Hotel & Restaurant,
Dorridge, Solihull, B93 8QE.
Call 01564779988

The Real Thing

Tomorrow, £21 - £23.50
Theatre Severn,
Shrewsbury,
SY3 8FT.
Call 01743 281281

Carl Sinclair Duo

Tue, £14.95
The Jam House, Birmingham,
B31QU. Call 0121 200 3030

CLASSICAL

Happy and Glorious - the Band of the West Midlands Fire Service

Tomorrow,
Sutton Coldfield Town Hall,
B73 6AB. Call 0121 464 6990

Monday Showcase: Handel, Warlock, Mahler, C Schumann

Mon, Free
Birmingham City Conservatoire,
Birmingham City University,
Edgbaston, B3 3HG.
Call 0121 331 5901

Traditional Song Session

Thu,
The Prince of Wales Moseley,
Birmingham, B13 8EE.
Call 0121 4494198

Four Last Songs

Thu,
Symphony Hall, The International
Convention Centre, Birmingham,
B1 2EA. Call 0121 780 3333

FOLK & ACOUSTIC

Remi Harris at The Carad Theatre

Tomorrow,
Rhayader Museum and Gallery,
LD6 5ER. Call 01597 810561

FESTIVALS

Bladefest 2016

Sun, £5
The RoadHouse Birmingham,
Kings Norton, B30 3DZ.
Call 0121 246 2273

COMEDY

Dead Sheep

Tonight - tomorrow,
Birmingham Repertory Theatre,
B1 2EP.
Call 0121 236 4455

Jonathan Pie Live!

Tonight,
Glee Club Birmingham, B5 4TD.
Call 0871 472 0400

and Tomorrow,
The Palace Theatre, Redditch,
B98 8AE.
Call 01527 65203

Andy White + Abigoliah Schamaun

Tonight,
Wolverhampton Grand Theatre,
WV1 1DE. Call 01902 42 92 12

Adam Hills: Clown Heart

Tomorrow,
Victoria Hall, Hanley,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 3AD.
Call 0844 871 7649

Ellie Taylor: Infideliety

Tomorrow, £10 - £12
Artrix, Bromsgrove,
B60 1PQ.
Call 01527 577330

James Acaster - Reset

Wed,
Glee Club Birmingham, B5 4TD.
Call 0871 472 0400

One Man Star Wars Trilogy

Wed, £17
Artrix, Bromsgrove,
B60 1PQ.
Call 01527 577330

The Unique Comedy Ukulele Orchestra

Wed, £19 - £22
Oakengates Theatre, Telford,
TF2 6EP.
Call 01952 382382

National Poetry Day Party

Thu,
1000 Trades, Birmingham,
B1 3HE.
Call 0121 233 2693

THEATRE

CATS

Tonight - tomorrow,
Regent Theatre,
Stoke-on-Trent,
ST1 1AP.
Call 0844 871 7649

Little Shop of Horrors

Tonight - tomorrow,
New Alexandra Theatre,
Birmingham,
B5 4DS.
Call 0844 871 3011

The Bon Jovi Experience

Tonight,
Oakengates Theatre,
Telford,
TF2 6EP.
Call 01952 382382

Romeo and Juliet

Tonight - Thu,
Hall Green Little Theatre,
Birmingham, B27 7RY.
Call 0121 707 1874

Theatre Tour

Tomorrow,
New Alexandra Theatre,
Birmingham, B5 4DS.
Call 0844 871 3011

The Harbinger of Hussain

Tomorrow,
The Crescent Theatre,
Brindleyplace, Birmingham,
B16 8AE.
Call 0121 643 5858

The Tempest

Tomorrow - Thu,
Birmingham Hippodrome,
B5 4TB.
Call 0844 338 5000

Carmen

Sun, £18 - £24
Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury,
SY3 8FT. Call 01743 281281

Psychic Paula Obrien Live in Birmingham

Mon,
Best Western Westley Hotel,
Birmingham, B27 7UJ.
See <https://paulaobrien.net/event/paula-obrien-live-birmingham-3rd-october-2016/>

Sunset Boulevard

Tue,
Lichfield Garrick, WS13 6HR.
Call 01543 412121

That'll Be the Day

Wed,
Victoria Hall, Hanley,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 3AD.
Call 0844 871 7649

Strictly Musicals

Wed - Thu,
Regent Theatre,
Stoke-on-Trent,
ST1 1AP.
Call 0844 871 7649

946: The Amazing Story Of Adolphus Tips

Thu, £10 - £15
Birmingham Repertory Theatre,
B1 2EP.
Call 0121 236 4455

Snow White

Thu, £12 - £19.50
Oakengates Theatre,
Telford,
TF2 6EP.
Call 01952 382382

The Duchess of Malfi

Tonight - Thu,
The Crescent Theatre,
Brindleyplace, Birmingham,
B16 8AE.
Call 0121 643 5858

MISC. EVENTS

Challenge BMX

Today - Sun,
Birmingham BMX Bike Park,
Perry Park, Perry Barr, B42 1RS.
Visit <http://www.challengebmx.com>

Parent and toddler morning

Today, £2
Ikon Gallery, Brindleyplace,
Birmingham, B1 2HS.
Call 0121 248 0708

Leaping Lights Festival

Today,
Oriol Davies Gallery, The Park,
Newtown, SY16 2NZ.
Call 01686 625041

Recovery Art

Today - Thu,
The Barber Institute of Fine Arts,
University of Birmingham,
Edgbaston, B15 2TS.
Call 0121 414 7333

Life Drawing

Tomorrow, £15.50 - £18
Oriol Davies Gallery, The Park,
Newtown, SY16 2NZ.
Call 01686 625041

Check out full listings in **the ticket** in Friday's Express & Star

World premiere of The Tempest ballet

AA NEW ballet choreographed by David Bintley and inspired by William Shakespeare is to have its world premiere at Birmingham Hippodrome on Saturday.

Full-length ballet The Tempest is a major work to conclude Birmingham Royal Ballet's 2016 Shakespeare season. BRB artistic director Bintley is promising a breath-taking production full of dazzling dance, theatrical wizardry and stunning designs by War Horse's Rae Smith.

It will be set to a new score by acclaimed British composer Sally Beamish and lit by Bruno Poet, whose previous credits include Miss Saigon.

Yorkshire-born Bintley is an honorary Brummie. He has been offered other major jobs but has stayed in Birmingham for 21 years, since the company relocated from London in a remarkable cultural coup for the second city. An avid Villa fan, he loves the city and loves how embedded the Birmingham Royal Ballet is in the cultural landscape.

A former dancer who graduated to become artistic director, and who received a CBE for his services to dance in the Queen's 2001 Honours, he has been working hard on his latest project to make a memorable conclusion to a season that marked the 400th anniversary of the death of Britain's greatest writer.

"I've been thinking about doing The Tempest for more than 30 years," he said. "I was really waiting for the right composer to come along. Four years ago I heard the music of Sally Beamish and that was it. Within



Jenna Roberts as Miranda and Joseph Caley as Ferdinand in The Tempest

a week we were in touch."

Bintley conjures Prospero's magical isle, from what was probably Shakespeare's final work before his death, in a spellbinding new work.

The Tempest is the story of a man

determined to right past wrongs by all means in his power. It intertwines themes of love, loyalty and loss, punctuated by a comedy, magic, more than one conspiracy and a spectacular masque featuring gods and spirits.

Lucy has confidence

WHEN Lucy O'Byrne was growing up in Ireland, she was nicknamed Maria. She came from a performing family that was steeped in musical theatre and singing was a part of her background. Family friends likened the O'Byrne family to the Von Trapps – the famous family from The Sound of Music.

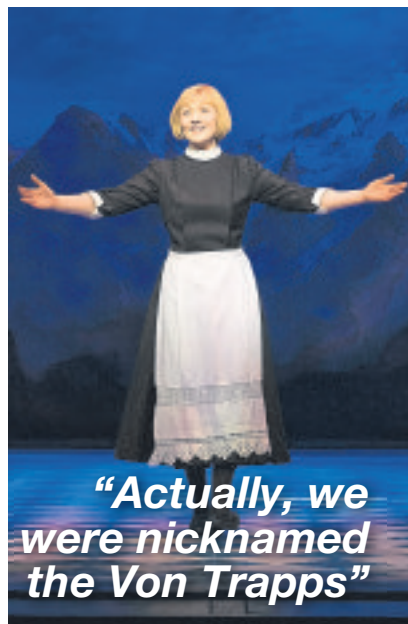
And having landed the role of Maria, Lucy is thrilled to be taking part in the touring production that comes to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

"It's hard work, it's very hard work, but it's such a wonderful thing to be a part of," said Lucy. "My parents both worked in musical theatre and it was something that we always did as a family, as we were growing up. Actually, we were nicknamed the Von Trapps by our family friends long, long before this was on the horizon."

Lucy initially moved from Ireland to the UK to pursue her musical theatre career. She had started training classically when The Voice made her a household name.

"My career took a turn that I wasn't expecting with The Voice. A lot of people will know me from that," said Lucy. "But the music for The Sound of Music needs no introduction. It's Rodgers and Hammerstein and they are songs that everybody knows. They are beautiful and I am so lucky that I get to sing them every night."

Lucy had grown up watching Julie Andrews perform the role and was unsure whether she could live up to expectation. "It was absolutely terrifying but of course I jumped at it. It's so iconic but you have to make it your own."



Hunna and Jamie T sell out shows

THE Hunna reached 13 in the album chart this month with their debut 100 and have sold out their gig at the Birmingham O2 Academy on Tuesday.

Those with a ticket can expect some musical fireworks from the Hertfordshire quartet who recently released the single Bonfire. Support comes from Hampshire trio Blaeavon, who have a new single out called Let's Pray.

Jamie T, charting with fourth album Trick, has sold out the same venue on Saturday. The Fireball Fuelling The Fire tour is at the O2 Academy on Wednesday with Less Than Jake, The Skints, Mariachi El Bronx, Kemuri, and Brum's AMFX.

Wind farm debate inspires Arena play

SET against the backdrop of the debate about wind turbines, three actors tell the story of a fictional rural community and the conflicts caused by a proposed wind farm in its vicinity. Giants on the Hill is a play by Stephanie Dale, performed by Birmingham-based Centric at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre tonight (Thursday).

A boozy night in Cork has shocking results in Edna Walsh's Disco Pigs, at Birmingham Rep's The Door, tonight to Saturday. Maura Judges celebrates an Irish literary figure, Lady Gregory: A Galway Life, at Birmingham Crescent Theatre Studio, tonight to Saturday.

Poppies are back with new line-up

STOURBRIDGE alternative rock favourites Pop Will Eat Itself are back on the road 30 years after they formed in the Black Country, albeit with one original member.

Reformed as PWEL v2.0 in 2011, original drummer Graham Crabb has taken on singing duties since original frontman Clint Mansell went to America and became a top Hollywood soundtrack composer.

The band at The Robin 2 in Bilston on Sunday also feature Mary Byker from Gaye Bykers On Acid, Jason Bowld from Killing Joke, Davey Bennett from This Burning Age and Tim Muddiman from The Strange.

ISHA'S RESTAURANT INDIAN CUISINE

Our highly experienced master chef prepares authentic dishes using only the finest ingredients, herbs and spices
Every dish is cooked fresh to order

ISHA'S SPECIALITIES

- Chicken/Lamb Handi
- Chicken/Lamb Karahi
- Mixed Meat Platter

TAKE-AWAY OFFER ONLY AVAILABLE ON DELIVERY

MINIMUM ORDER OF £15

Receive a bottle of coke

MINIMUM ORDER OF £20

Receive 2 bottles of Fosters/Strongbow

MINIMUM ORDER OF £25

Receive 3 bottles of Fosters/Strongbow

MINIMUM ORDER OF £30

Receive 4 bottles of Fosters/Strongbow or a bottle of wine

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

FULLY LICENSED BAR, HOWEVER YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOL

FUNCTION ROOM AVAILABLE TO SEAT UP TO 40 PEOPLE

PRIVATE EXECUTIVE SUITE AVAILABLE FOR 15 PEOPLE FOR ANY FUNCTION

5 COURSE SPECIAL

SUNDAY - THURSDAY

£10.95PP TRADITIONAL

£13.95PP ANY

- Popadoms • Starter
- Main • Rice or Naan • Dessert

To receive this deal please present this voucher when ordering T&Cs apply

8 Stourbridge Road, Lye, DY9 7DL 01384 894780 07897 226152

Tuesday 4th October
AN EVENING WITH
DAVE WILLIAMS
PSYCHIC NIGHT
In aid of the Children's Charity
Hand in Hand

Saturday 29th October
HALLOWEEN PARTY
Fancy Dress
Disco & Karaoke

SPECIAL OFFER BURGER AND A PINT £4.25
When the sun shines we have the perfect sun trap patio looking out onto the canal

WELCOME TO THE
SAMSON & LION
CANALSIDE PUB IN STOURBRIDGE
Brierley Hill Road, Wordsley, Stourbridge, DY8 6SP 07930 473482
WWW.SAMSONANDLION.CO.UK

To advertise here
please call
Daniel Eccles
on **01384 353227**

CHOICE



Railway Nation: Across Britain in a Day (BBC2, 9pm)
Sabrina Mahfouz, Michael Symmons Roberts, Liz Berry, Andrew McMillan, Imtiaz Dharker and Sean O'Brien celebrate Britain's love of trains by reinventing WH Auden and Benjamin Britten's train journey across Britain. The pair made their trip almost 80 years ago, travelling from London to Edinburgh on board an overnight mail train, as part of the production of the ground-breaking 1936 documentary Night Mail. Now, the six poets make a similar trip – this time during the day – to document the voices of rail travellers from all walks of life going about their daily business.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts.** (R) **12.00 Football Focus.** **1.00 BBC News: Weather.** **1.15 Rugby League – Super League Highlights.** **2.15 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **3.15 Escape to the Country.** (R) **4.00 Final Score.** **5.10 BBC News.** **5.20 Regional Programme.** **5.30 Pointless Celebrities.**
6.20 Strictly Come Dancing. For the first time this year, the pro-celebrity dance contest gets serious, as the 15 stars perform live in a bid to remain in the competition. The scores from last week's opening weekend performances carry forward to tonight's totals, as Len Goodman, Darcy Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood once again assess each couple's finesse on the dance-floor. The voting lines then open, as viewers at home get their first chance to have their say on their favourite pairings ahead of tomorrow night's results show.
8.25 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion. A UK family and their long-lost overseas relatives must work together in order to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion in a five-star location. The overseas family must answer questions to win time for their relatives in the UK studio, who will then individually answer questions against the clock. Nick Knowles hosts and Gabby Roslin introduces the all-important weekend Lotto and Thunderball draws.
9.15 Casualty. Ethan struggles to make Alicia's birthday a day to remember as Lily deals with a family feud too close to home.
10.05 BBC News: Weather.
10.25 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which included Swansea City v Liverpool at Liberty Stadium, and West Ham United v Middlesbrough at the Olympic Stadium. The Reds will be hoping to find some consistency in their away form, having begun the season with a victory at Arsenal that was followed by defeat to newly-promoted Burnley. However, they were impressive in their most recent away tie, a 2-1 victory over Chelsea at Stamford Bridge; National Lottery Update.
11.45 The NFL Show.
12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 The Women's Football Show. (R) **6.35 Film: From This Day Forward.** (1946) **8.05 Film: Berlin Express.** (1948)
9.30 Golf: The Ryder Cup. (R) **11.00 Lost Land of the Volcano.** (R) **12.00 Great British Menu.** **12.30 Great British Menu.** **1.00 Great British Menu.** **1.30 Homes Under the Hammer.** (R) **2.15 Nature's Wildest Events.** (R) **3.15 Flog It!** **4.10 The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg.** (R) **5.10 Gardeners' World.** (R)
6.10 Inside the Commons. Michael Cockrell presents a documentary filmed over the course of a year in the House of Commons, giving an insight into the day-to-day life and work of everyone from the Prime Minister to those who maintain the building. Cameras follow relatively new MPs Charlotte Leslie and Sarah Champion as they learn the ways of the House, while David Cameron and his opposite number Ed Milliband reveal what happens at Prime Minister's Questions. The programme also meets a gospel-singing tea lady who works in the members' tea room and joins a maintenance team abseiling down the face of the clock tower. (R)
7.10 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. Jo Brand is joined by broadcaster Danny Baker and two other celebrity fans to discuss the good, the bad and the soggy-bottomed moments from botanical week. (R)
7.40 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring initiates a recruitment campaign, but makes the mistake of leaving Wilson in charge of the poster. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R)
8.10 Betjeman & Me: Rick Stein's Story. The chef celebrates poet John Betjeman's love affair with the English seaside holiday, and his affection for Cornwall.
9.00 Railway Nation: Across Britain in a Day. Six poets reinvent WH Auden and Benjamin Britten's 1936 train journey across Britain, documenting the voices of travellers from all walks of life going about their daily business.
10.00 Performance Live: Kate Tempest. The spoken-word artist hosts a night of poetry.
11.00 Arslanight: Poets at the BBC. A special edition of the cultural magazine show.
12.00 Live at the Apollo. (R) **12.30 Golf: The Ryder Cup.** **2.00 Film: The Walker.** (R) **3.40 This is BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.15 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids.** (R) **6.25 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures.** (R) **6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures.** (R) **6.50 Sooty.** (R) **7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story.** (R) **7.05 Super 4.** (R) **7.20 Oddbods.** (R) **7.25 Scrambled! Scrambled! 7.30 Scrambled! Nerds & Monsters.** (R) **7.50 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **8.10 Scrambled! Looped.** **8.30 Scrambled! Be Cool, Scooby-Do!** **9.05 Scrambled! Adventure Time.** (R) **9.25 ITV News.** **9.30 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **10.25 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **11.20 Judge Rinder.** (R) **12.20 ITV News: Weather.** **12.30 River Monsters.** (R) **1.00 Tipping Point.** (R) **2.00 The Chase.** (R) **3.00 The X Factor.** (R) **5.00 Ninja Warrior UK.** (R) **6.00 Regional Programme: Weather.** **6.15 ITV News: Weather.** **6.30 You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a man hunting mosquitos with a bow and arrow and a child demolishing his mother's kitchen. (R)
7.00 Go for It. Members of the public are given a chance to demonstrate their most unusual skills in unique challenges, with successful contestants claiming a £1,000 prize. Last in the series.
8.00 The X Factor. As the judges' houses stage, the remaining 28 acts jett off to glamorous destinations around the world to compete for places in the live shows. Dermot O'Leary hosts.
9.30 Newsoids. Satirical sketch show blending traditional puppetry and animation, with impressionists Jon Culshaw, Debra Stephenson, Lewis Macleod and Simon Greenall.
10.00 The Jonathan Ross Show. The Legend of Tarzan star Alexander Skarsgard, and The Girl on the Train's Emily Blunt and Luke Evans join Jonathan in the studio, along with Britney Spears, who performs live.
11.05 ITV News: Weather. **11.25 Film: Columbo: Agenda for Murder.** (1990) A crooked lawyer murders a blackmailer and makes it look like suicide – but the shabby sleuth sees through his ruse. Starring Peter Falk.
1.10 Jackpot247. **3.10 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Motor Sport: GT Academy. **6.25 The Grid.** **6.55 Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live.** **8.05 The Morning Line.** **9.00 Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying Live.** **11.30 Murray Walker Meets Jensen Button.** (R) **12.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.30 The Simpsons.** (R) **1.00 Gok's Fill Your House for Free.** **2.00 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Ascot, Newmarket and Redcar. **4.30 Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying Replay.**
6.00 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows Matt and Sophie White from Sussex as they build a giant family house of fun for themselves and their children. Going against the norm of designing a serious and practical home, the couple's property features a revolving bookcase door, secret dens, hiding places, one-way mirrors, and a fireman's pole. Matt uses a steel frame system to allow them to change the layout of the property, and other changes include amending the window shapes and sizes, and adding a half floor to create a James Bond room. (R)
8.00 Walking Through Time. Palaeobiologist Dr Tom Herridge and Professor Adrian Lister visit Shropshire to discuss analysis into the remains of five mammoths found in a quarry in 1986. The results revealed that these mammoths were among the last of their species to survive in Europe and Tori wonders whether this gives a clue as to how the species was wiped out altogether.
9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words and numbers quiz, with Lee Mack and Catherine Tate taking on Sean Lock and Miles Jupp. John Cooper Clarke joins Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner, while Rachel Riley looks after the numbers and letters.
10.00 Film: Transcendence. (2014) Premiere. A scientist is assassinated, but resurrected as an artificial intelligence that makes horrific plans for the human race. Sci-fi drama, with Johnny Depp and Rebecca Hall.
12.15 Film: How I Live Now. (2013) **2.00 Hollyoaks.** (R) **4.05 Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** (R) **4.20 Location, Location, Location.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 8.25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.00 The Saturday Show Live.** **11.05 Police Interceptors.** (R) **12.00 Police Interceptors.** (R) **1.00 Police Interceptors.** (R) **2.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords.** (R) **3.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords.** (R) **4.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** (R) **5.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** (R) **5.00 News Weekend.** **6.05 NCIS.** Gibbs discovers a link between the murder of a petty officer and the break-up of his team, leading him and new director Leon Vance to uncover a case of blackmail. (R)
7.00 NCIS. A lieutenant apparently commits suicide by jumping from an aircraft carrier and Ziva and McGee are dispatched to find the widow – but arrive to find that she has been murdered. (R)
7.55 NCIS: New Orleans. An immigrant petty officer dies in an apparent suicide, though Loretta finds fingerprints around the neck that suggest he was strangled before being thrown off a bridge. The team questions the victim's mother and brother, who both live locally and a link is found to a people-smuggling gang bringing migrants into the States using boats. When the team members intercept the latest arrivals, they see a familiar face. Elsewhere, the agents secretly create an online dating profile for Pride. Scott Bakula and Lucas Black star.
8.55 5 News Weekend. **9.00 Football on 5: The Championship.** George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Birmingham City v Blackburn Rovers.
10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two.
10.25 Gotham. Crime thriller based on characters from the Batman comics, following James Gordon's rise from rookie detective to police commissioner. Starring Ben McKenzie. (R)
11.25 Gotham. Detective James Gordon is on the trail of two child snatchers who are targeting the city's homeless youths. (R)
12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10 Aircrash: Terror at Take-Off.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Lost Kingdoms of South America. **8.00 Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth.** **9.00 Beck.** **10.30 Do We Really Need the Moon?** **11.30 Horizon Special: Beyond the Moon.** **12.30 Top of the Pops.** **1982 2.20 Do We Really Need the Moon?** **3.20 Close**
ITV2
11.20 The X Factor. **1.20 The Xtra Factor Live.** **2.20 Ninja Warrior UK.** **3.25 Film: The Bachelor.** **4.25 FYI Daily.** **4.30 Film: The Bachelor.** (1999) **5.20 Film: Nanny McPhee.** (2005) **6.20 FYI Daily.** **6.25 Film: Nanny McPhee.** (2005) **7.15 Film: Kindergarten Cop.** (1990) **8.15 FYI Daily.** **8.20 Film: Kindergarten Cop.** (1990) **9.30 The Xtra Factor Live.** **10.30 Celebrity Juice.** **11.20 Family Guy.** **12.40 American Dad!** **1.35 The Cleveland Show.** **2.25 Morn 2.45 Teleshopping.** **5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen**
ITV3
11.25 Film: Les Miserables. (1978) **12.35 FYI Daily.** **12.40 Film: Les Miserables.** (1978) **1.55 Rosemary & Thyme.** **3.55 Agatha Christie's Marple.** **6.00 Midsomer Murders.** **8.00 Doc Martin.** **9.00 Midsomer Murders.** **11.00 Lewis.** **1.00 You're Only Young Twice.** **1.55 ITV3 Nightscreen.** **2.30 Teleshopping**
ITV4
12.00 Film: All Quiet on the Western Front. (1979) **1.00 FYI Daily.** **1.05 Film: All Quiet on the Western Front.** (1979) **3.05 Film: The Green Berets.** (1968) **4.15 FYI Daily.** **4.20 Film: The Green Berets.** (1968) **6.00 Fishing Impossible.** **7.00 Fierce.** **8.00 Film: Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey.** (1991) **9.05 FYI Daily.** **9.10 Film: Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey.** (1991) **10.00 Film: A Dangerous Man.** (2010) **11.05 FYI Daily.** **11.10 Film: A Dangerous Man.** (2010) **11.55 Film: Manny.** (2014) **12.55 FYI Daily.** **1.00 Film: Manny.** (2014) **1.40 The Big Fish Off.** **2.35 Movies Now.** **2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen.** **3.00 Teleshopping**
E4
11.00 Melissa & Joey. **12.00 Baby Daddy.** **1.00 New Girl.** **1.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine.** **3.10 Avatar.** (2009) **6.20 Seven Years in Tibet.** (1997) **9.00 Ted.** (2012) **11.05 Warm Bodies.** (2013) **1.00 Young Detective Dee: Rise of the Sea Dragon.** (2013) **3.45 Close**

StarReader

Travel

Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Return coach travel from Dudley, Halesowen and Stourbridge

Your Chronicle

in association with

Omega

ABTA

CHRISTMAS MARKETS & FESTIVE BREAKS BY COACH

A pre-Christmas weekend away is an increasingly popular treat, and we have put together a series of 2-day coach breaks to a whole host of enticing destinations in December.

2 days, by coach

ONLY £99.95pp

Pre-book an evening meal for just £15pp*

Quote Code: LMJ590

Bath Christmas Market & Blenheim Palace Saver

Departing Saturday 3 December 2016

Two firm favourites in one festive feast of a weekend! Blenheim Palace wearing its sparkly Christmas mantle, and the magnificent city of Bath all decked out in full seasonal glory.

Price Includes...

✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star Reading/Wiltshire area hotel with full English breakfast

✓ Visit, with admission, to Blenheim Palace

✓ Visit to Bath Christmas Market

View product online at www.omega-holidays.com/LMJ590

Single room supplement £25pp. Subject to availability.

Quote Code: QPR601

Lincoln Christmas Market and Chatsworth House Saver

Departing Saturday 3 December 2016

Bag a bargain break to historic Lincoln, UK pioneer of the legendary German Christmas Market, plus a chance to see Chatsworth in festive finery.

Price Includes...

✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star Yorkshire or East Midlands area hotel with full English breakfast

✓ Visit to Chatsworth House and gardens, with admission (value £20)

✓ Visit to Lincoln Christmas Market

View product online at www.omega-holidays.com/QPR601

Single room supplement £25pp. Subject to availability.

Quote Code: GPM470

Grassington Dickensian Festival & Manchester's Christmas Markets Saver

Departing Saturday 3 December 2016

Get your comfy shoes on for this festive duet of a Yorkshire town turned temporarily Victorian, and the up-to-the-minute appeal of Manchester city centre and its chalet-style European Christmas markets.

Price Includes...

✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star North West area hotel with full English breakfast

✓ Visit to Grassington Dickensian Festival

✓ Visit to Manchester's Christmas markets

View product online at www.omega-holidays.com/GPM470

Single room supplement £25pp. Subject to availability.

Also Available...

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Departing Sunday 4 December 2016

Quote Code: MLY922

Price Includes...

✓ Overnight stay at 3 star Wensum Valley hotel, Taverham with full English breakfast

✓ Admission to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular 2016

✓ Free time in Cambridge

2 days, by coach

only £159.95pp

View product online at www.omega-holidays.com/MLY922

Single room supplements £30pp. Subject to availability.

For more information or to book, please call: 01902 519414

OPENING TIMES: MON-FRI 8.30-19.00 SAT 8.30-16.00 SUN 10.00-16.00

Organised by Omega Holidays plc, ABTA V4782.

Facebook

Twitter

Pinterest

*Please note: evening meal is not available on Thursford Break.

CHOICE



Jenna Coleman

Victoria
(ITV, 9pm)

The queen becomes pregnant, and declares that Albert will become head of state in the event of her death. The developments outrage members of the Tory party, who fear a German prince holding sway over the nation and make arrangements to disrupt his visit to the industrial north. The consort finds an unlikely ally in Sir Robert Peel, who seeks royal approval for the rapidly developing railway. At first, Victoria does not approve, but soon changes her mind when she experiences Peel's creation for herself. Jenna Coleman, Tom Hughes, Peter Bowles, Catherine Flemming, Daniela Holtz, Neil Hudson and Ferdinand Kingsley star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.40 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Regional Programme. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News. 1.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 2.00 Ingenious Animals. (R) 3.00 Points of View. 3.15 The Great British Bake Off. (R) 4.15 Songs of Praise. 4.50 Animal Babies. 5.50 BBC News.

6.05 Regional Programme.

6.15 Countryfile. Anita Rani visits Surrey to meet local brewers who are planning to revive the region's famous white bane hops, and helps the Surrey Wildlife Trust's survey of small mammals. Adam Henson brings in the last of his wheat harvest. John Craven announces the results of the Countryfile Photographic Competition, and Tom Heap reports on efforts to halt the decline of the red squirrel. Including weather for the week ahead.

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.

Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman host the first results show of the series, and reveal which couple will be the first to leave the competition. Barry Gibb performs in the studio.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce returns to the gardens of the Arley Hall, Cheshire, where a selection of family treasures come under scrutiny. Among the items brought in to be valued are a portrait painted in India in the 1950s, which expert Amin Jaffer identifies as the work of an acclaimed artist whose paintings have become much sought after in recent years, while other finds include a PoW's diary written while building the bridge over the River Kwai and a collection of gems once worn by a duchess.

9.00 Poldark. The Warleggans acquire new information that could bring about Ross's downfall. Demelza warns Ross that it is dangerous to be involved with the smugglers after a series of arrests.

10.00 BBC News.**10.20 Regional Programme.**

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action.

11.50 Film: Brooklyn's Finest. (2009) Crime thriller, starring Richard Gere and Ethan Hawke.

1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.00 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **6.45** Gardeners' World. (R) **7.45** Countryfile. (R) **8.45** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.45** Golf: The Ryder Cup. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Reggie Yates: Touchdown USA. (R) **1.45** American Football: NFL Live. Jacksonville Jaguars v Indianapolis Colts (Kick-off 2.30pm). Coverage of the week four match from Wembley Stadium, where the AFC South rivals face each other.

6.00 Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs. Highlights from the latest matches, as the quest to reach the Grand Final continued.

7.00 Ireland with Simon Reeve. Two-part programme exploring the history of both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland and examining the rich culture and troubled past. In the first episode, Simon arrives by ferry in Co Wexford and travels along the coast to Cork, joining the thousands who try to climb the sacred mountain of Croagh Patrick. He crosses the border to visit Cron Castle and Londonderry, before journeying to the northernmost point at Malin Head. (R)

8.00 Hunting the Nazi Gold Train.

9.00 Louis Theroux – Savile. **10.15** **501 XL.** Extended edition. Suggests, Claudia O'Doherty, Jimmy Carr and Alan Davies attempt to answer host Stephen Fry's range of fiendish questions on the theme of long-lost things. (R)

11.00 Golf: The Ryder Cup. Hazel Irvine presents highlights of day three from the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Minnesota, where the 41st staging of the biennial contest concluded with the singles matches.

1.00 Sign Zone: Countryfile. Matt Baker overseas this year's One Man and His Dog contest at Florence Court, Co Fermanagh, while Anita Rani explores the history of the estate and meets the competitors' families. (R) **1.55** Holby City. Mr Thompson's sister is brought in for treatment, and soon grows suspicious that Mo is not being entirely truthful with her brother about the baby. Bernie is forced to assess her true feelings after Hanssen offers her the chance of a secondment in Ukraine – leading her to make a dramatic decision. (R) **2.55** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.15** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Sooty. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.20** Oddbods. (R) **7.25** Scrambled! Scrambled! **7.30** Scrambled! Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled! Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled! Looped. **8.30** Scrambled! Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.05** Scrambled! Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Bear Grylls Survival School. **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury. (R) **11.30** Chopping Block. (R) **12.30** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Judge Rinder. (R) **1.35** Victoria. (R) **2.35** The X Factor. (R) **4.05** Tipping Point. (R) **5.05** Doc Martin. (R)

6.05 Regional Programme; Weather.**6.15 ITV News: Weather.**

6.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Katherine Ryan, George Shelley, Faye Brookes and Bobby Davro work as a team to take on quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize for charity.

7.30 The X Factor. The conclusion of the judges' houses stage, as Simon Cowell, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh choose the acts they want to take through to the live shows. Dermot O'Leary is on hand to congratulate the lucky contestants and console those who fail to make the grade.

9.00 Victoria. The queen becomes pregnant, and declares that Albert will become head of state in the event of her death. The developments outrage members of the Tory party, who fear a German prince holding sway over the nation and make arrangements to disrupt his visit to the industrial north. The consort finds an unlikely ally in Sir Robert Peel, who seeks royal approval for the rapidly developing railway. At first, Victoria does not approve, but soon changes her mind when she experiences Peel's creation for herself.

10.05 ITV News: Weather.

10.20 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.

12.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Volkswagen Racing Cup. **6.30** Triathlon: Long Course Weekend. **7.00** Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the 16th round of the season (Start-time 8.00am). **10.45** Sunday Brunch. **1.45** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **2.45** The Simpsons. (R) **3.15** The Simpsons. (R) **3.50** The Simpsons. (R) **4.20** Channel 4 News. **4.50** Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Replay.

7.30 Speed with Guy Martin. Guy tries to break the speed record for a pedal-powered boat, which requires him to travel for 100 metres at an average speed of 21 miles per hour. He enlists the help of two Olympic champions in rising to the challenge, getting some intense cycling training from Chris Hoy and advice on boat construction from Ben Ainslie, before building two specially constructed vessels in his back garden. Last in the series.

9.00 Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls.

After more than a week, the celebrities still haven't eaten a single proper meal and Mark Jenkins thinks he can turn the group's fortunes around. His big plan is to get the islanders hunting for turkeys, but his management style puts him at odds with the others, especially Karen Danczuk, whose own leadership ambitions come to the surface. As the infighting escalates, so does everyone's growing sense of desperation.

10.00 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)

11.05 Film: Red Eye. (2005) A hotelier on a flight to Miami realises a passenger she has befriended is intent on involving her in a political assassination. Thriller, with Rachel McAdams and Cillian Murphy.

12.45 Obsessive Compulsive Country House Cleaners. A duo cleans up Tarbert House, a Georgian manor in the west of Ireland. (R) **1.45** Grand Designs Australia. A couple from Melbourne build a new home. (R) **2.40** Food Unwrapped. (R) **3.10** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **3.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. Phil Spencer seeks buyers for two shabby semis in the north of England. (R) **4.15** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.25** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.00** Patsy. (R) **7.05** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.15** Pig Ahoy! (R) **7.30** Little Princess. (R) **7.45** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **8.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.00** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Funniest Fails, Fails & Flops. **12.30** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.30** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.30** Film: A Knight's Tale. (2001) Medieval comedy adventure, starring Heath Ledger. **5.05** Now That's Funny!

6.05 Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas.

A double act tries to read an audience member's mind, stand-up comic Bruce Gold performs a trick with a toaster, and an escapologist chains himself up on stage.

7.00 Ice Road Truckers. New series. On treacherous roads and in dangerous conditions, reigning champion Polar Industries sets out to defend its title against trucking rival Dare Ward.

7.55 Ice Road Truckers. As Polar Industries pushes its drivers to the limits, Art Burke takes on one of the world's longest winter roads. Plus, Todd finds himself in danger.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: The Expendables 2. (2012) Mercenary leader Barney Ross is recruited by the CIA to recover a top-secret package, only to come to blows with a rival band of hired guns. Barney swears revenge when the other faction kill his protégé, and leads his men on a mission to stop their enemies taking over a former Soviet nuclear facility. Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Jean-Claude Van Damme.

11.05 Film: Total Recall. (2012) A man living in a bleak future becomes a fugitive when he discovers he is really a spy with his memory erased. Sci-fi thriller remake, starring Colin Farrell. Edited for flashing images.

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 In Their Own Words: 20th Century Composers **8.00** Natural World: The Woman Who Swims with Killer Whales **9.00** Horizon: How Small is the Universe? **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** Britain's Star Blasts: Heroes of Astronomy **11.30** Lulu – Something to Shout About **1.00** Big Hits: TOTP 1964 to 1975 **2.30** Natural World: The Woman Who Swims with Killer Whales **3.30** Close

ITV2

1.30 The Xtra Factor Live **2.35** You've Been Framed! **3.05** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **5.00** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **6.00** FYI Daily **6.05** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **6.50** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** Dating in the Dark **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.10 Rosemary & Thyme **1.15** Film: Columbo: Short Fuse (1972) **2.55** A Touch of Frost **5.10** Film: Carry On Again Doctor (1969) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15** Film: Carry On Again Doctor (1969) **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.10** Wire in the Blood **2.00** Film: The Three Musketeers (1973) **3.00** FYI Daily **3.05** Film: The Three Musketeers (1973) **3.50** May the Best House Win

ITV4

7.30 Mr Bean **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Car Crash Britain **10.00** Film: Cliffhanger (1993) **11.10** FYI Daily **11.15** Film: Cliffhanger (1993) **12.15** Steve McQueen: Motorcycle Movie Star **1.15** Pawn Stars **2.10** Hell on Wheels **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.00 Film: Postman Pat: The Movie (2014) **1.45** The Frozen Phenomenon **2.45** The Goldbergs **5.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) **10.05** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **11.10** Body Fixers **12.15** Rude Tube **1.20** Containment **2.20** Empire **3.50** Hollyoaks **4.10** Film: The Parent Trap (1961) **3.45** Tea with Mussolini (1999) **6.15** The Twilight Series **8.00** Film: Night at the Museum: Peregine's Home for Peculiar Children **9.00** Lone Survivor (2013) **11.25** The Dilemma (2011) **1.40** Storage 24 (2012) **3.30** Close

BUILT ON QUALITY, AFFORDABILITY AND RELIABILITY

Celebrating A Decade in Business

OUR BEST EVER GENUINE DEAL

40% OFF

Call NOW for details.

This years
Black Country Chamber
of Commerce Finalists in
Outstanding Achievements
Award and also Customer
Services Award



Picture for illustration purposes only

✓ 3M X 3M WHITE
✓ UPVC EDWARDIAN OR
VICTORIAN CONSERVATORY
INCLUDING BASE, DWARF
WALLS (PLASTERED)

✓ 2 OPENING WINDOWS
✓ DOUBLE DOORS
✓ 2 DOUBLE SOCKETS & LIGHT
✓ FULLY FITTED

What you see, is what you get!!

NO HIDDEN COSTS, NO HIDDEN EXTRAS!!

Get this
conservatory
SPECIAL
PRICE
£6,995

Not in conjunction with any other offers.

10 Good Reasons to choose DW Windows Ltd

1. Company been trading for 10 years
2. Deposits not compulsory
3. We directly employ 5 fitting teams
4. Family run business
5. No pushy sales staff
6. Excellent after sales service
7. FREE quotation available
8. We fit the most energy efficient and secure products on the market
9. Unbeatable prices
10. Superb showroom to view before you buy

INTEREST FREE CREDIT - BUY NOW AND PAY LATER - NOT IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY OTHER OFFERS

DW Windows

WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORY CENTRE



8 Meadow Lane (Off Shaw Road), Coseley, West Midlands, WV14 9NQ Tel: 01902 661779
7 Brick Street, Sedgley DY3 1NT Tel: 01902 662511 www.dwwindows.co.uk Freephone: 0800 9990909



The company plans to move into 2017 with a brand new website and a third showroom. The company has also just reached the finals of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce awards for customer service and outstanding achievement.

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Alex Cross, Channel 5, 11.05pm

A homicide cop pursues an ex-military assassin who has sadistically tortured and murdered a wealthy executive, leaving a surreal clue to the next victim. However, as the detective tries to bring the killing spree to an end, he finds his own family is also in the firing line. Crime thriller, starring Tyler Perry, Matthew Fox and Jean Reno. (2012)

TUESDAY

Virtual Lies, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman discovers her husband is having an affair over the internet. He is shamed into giving up the relationship and trying to save their troubled marriage, but the concerned wife soon discovers her online rival is dangerously obsessed with him and will stop at nothing to drive them apart. Thriller, starring Christina Cox and Marc Menard. (2012)

WEDNESDAY

The Good Witch's Destiny, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Cassandra Nightingale prepares to celebrate her birthday, hoping to bring as many of her friends and family together as possible. While investigating her family history, she discovers a story of a curse connected to the mysterious disappearance of her great aunt. Drama sequel, the sixth film in the Good Witch series, starring Catherine Bell. (2013)



Killer Elite, Friday, Channel 5, 10pm

THURSDAY

Crimes of the Mind, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Carolyn Raeburn signs her 16-year-old daughter Laura up for a few weeks of horse-riding lessons at a remote ranch, but the teenager ends up being brainwashed by a woman who grooms her to take the place of her own murdered child. Carolyn spends the next five years of her life and more than half a million dollars fighting to get her Laura back. Fact-based thriller, starring Christina Cox. (2014)

FRIDAY

Killer Elite, Channel 5, 10pm

A former secret agent takes on one last mission to save his mentor, but assassins are sent to stop him. Action thriller, starring Jason Statham, Clive Owen and Robert De Niro. (2011)

Series shows Sugar is still sweet on success

Yes, that's Sergei Prokofiev's haunting Dance of the Knight (aka Montagues and Capulets) you can hear coming out of your TV speakers.

So unless Sunderland AFC are making their way onto the pitch (the theme is also used on matchdays at the Stadium of Light), then The Apprentice is back.

We all know the score by now – a new batch of sycophants desperate to impress us with their business acumen and rezeomys descend on the capital, all armed with their wheeled suitcases and soundbites.

Then Lord Sugar steps down from his private jet, into the back of the Roller and off to the boardroom to regale everyone with tales of how he began his own business, loaded the lorries, designed the product and stood on the production line, and now he's a peer with a private plane.

Tonight Sugar begins his latest search for a chip-off-the-old-block rough diamond to polish.

The winners of The Apprentice haven't always gone to forge long-

lasting relationships with Sir Alan, but triumphing in the show can certainly give them a leg up on the entrepreneurial ladder.

Last year's winner Joseph Valente used his prize to expand his plumbing business, and predecessor Mark Wright launched an SEO business called Climb Online.

The champ from 2013 Dr Leah Totton owns a cosmetic skin clinic and has also appeared on This Morning, while 2012's Ricky Martin owns a recruitment company.

Other notable contestants from years gone by have included Michelle Dewberry, the season two champion who continues to be a media personality, and Katie Hopkins – now one of the country's most divisive writers.

So who are the candidates that will be tasked with donning pines over their shiny suits to flog fish fingers to stockbrokers in the City this year?

Well whoever they are, you can bet Sir Alan knows which he expects to win from an early stage and the rest are dispensable.

In fairness to Sugar, at least he makes a pretence of sacking them for a reason, and not at random, which of course makes for better entertainment for us.

But although the details of the individuals is unknown at the moment, we'd expect the classic challenges to feature throughout the series – a trade show, an advertising task, some kind of test which forces Lord Sugar to talk about apps and the gruelling interview stage.

Many will also be hoping for a return of previous favourite – the shopping-channel task – so fingers crossed there. One thing that is changing, however, is the host of The Apprentice: You're Fired!

Welsh stand-up comedian Rhod Gilbert will be stepping into Jack Dee's shoes for the BBC Two spin-off and is looking forward to quizzing the rejected candidates.

Claude Littner and Karren Brady also return for the new series, with Littner apparently saying that he plans to be "a little bit more friendly" this year.



The Apprentice, Thursday, BBC1, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Raw Recruits: Squaddies at 16 Channel 5, 9pm

Joining the Army is always a life-changing decision – but when you sign up at just 16, the adjustment can be particularly challenging. This new four-part series follows 45 teens from across the country as they arrive in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, for an intensive military training course that's the only one of its kind in Europe. As well as learning to cope with 5.30AM starts, 16-hours days and being cut off from family and friends, the young recruits will also have to cope with field exercises and lessons in weapon-handling. It's also very physically demanding, and in the first episode, junior soldier Laura is feeling the pressure as she tries to overcome her fears of heights on a 40ft-high rope course.

TUESDAY

House Doctor Channel 5, 7pm

It was way back in 1998 that Channel 5's original House Doctor, Californian Ann Maurice, embarked on a mission to help British homeowners sell their properties. Her message may have been simple (most episodes involved de-cluttering, making it clear which room was which and toning down any particularly strong colour schemes), but it seems

we still need a reminder, as new doctor Tracy Metro is in the house. The revamped series began on Monday morning, but this primetime edition will give more viewers the chance to see her property prescriptions. Here, Tracy offers some of her special brand of constructive advice to Sue in Dorset, whose dated décor may be putting off potential buyers.

WEDNESDAY

The Great British Bake Off BBC1, 8pm

The six remaining bakers battle it out for a place in the quarter-finals. This time, it is dessert week, and Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins assemble the contestants for three more challenges. To begin with, the amateurs face a sweetly fitted signature bake, before moving on to prepare a tricky French dessert that proves to be one of the series' toughest technical challenges to date. Finally, for the showstopper, Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry ask the bakers to produce multi-bake, mini masterpieces.

THURSDAY

Anne Robinson's Britain BBC1, 8pm

New series. The broadcaster examines different aspects of 21st-century Britain to find out how the nation's citizens choose to live their lives, beginning with parenting. There has never been so much choice, advice and criticism on the way children should be brought up, so Anne sets out to get under the skin of some of the radically different approaches, from an attachment mother who breastfeeds her toddlers and homeschools her children, to a career mum who misses out on some of the most significant moments in her children's lives.

FRIDAY

The Gadget Show Greatest Gadgets Ever!

Channel 5, 7pm

New series. One-hour special in which Jason Bradbury, Jon Bentley, Ortis Deley and



Still Game, Friday, BBC1, 9.30pm

Amy Williams attempt to compile a Top 20 list of the greatest gadgets of all time. To qualify, each has to be a physical object with an electronic element, and there has to be clear evidence that it had changed people's lives for the better. After much impassioned debate and persuasive argument between its own members, the team presents an agreed countdown that is likely to inform, entertain and infuriate viewers in equal measure.

Still Game

BBC1, 9.30pm

After a nine-year gap, Glaswegian pensioners Jack and Victor are back for a new series – and they can truly say it's by popular demand. When the sitcom's writers and stars Ford Kiernan and Greg Hemphill announced they were staging a live version of Still Game at Glasgow's SSE Hydro in 2014, the public response was so enthusiastic that the planned four-night run was expanded to 21 shows. No wonder the Beeb decided not only to revive the series but to promote it to BBC1. In the opening episode, the pensioners fall under the spell of the Futuroo catalogue, which promises to "make life that wee bit easier", leading Jack and Victor to spar over who's got the best gadget. Meanwhile, Winston experiences a rivalry of his own when his brother Walter pays a visit.

USE YOUR LOFT!

Bison
Loft Ladders

Access your loft safely and easily with Bison loft stairs. A "gas" strut mechanism requiring just fingertip control makes opening and closing your loft stairs exceptionally easy.

- Fully manufactured by us in the Midlands
- Free Survey
- 'Bison' loft ladders, only available from us
- Full 4 year parts & labour guarantee
- The only product available with a safety handle in the loft
- Fitted in approx 2 hours (including making the opening larger)
- **NEW:** Now available in white no painting required*
- **NEW:** Now complete with "comfort" feet to protect carpets and wooden floors.

£395
Special offer for limited time
£299
(incl VAT)
Quote Ref ZZ

Over 10,000
Installations

Safety hand rail
Unique to Bison

NEW: Long Safety Side Handles*

*at extra cost

We also fit loft flooring, lighting and roof windows.
All major credit cards accepted

theloftstairscompany

The Loft Stairs Company, Unit 60, Atcham Industrial Estate, Shrewsbury SY4 4UG
Visit our website www.theloftstairscompany.co.uk
Freephone 0800 389 1281
or mobile friendly 01743 761499

Midland UPVC Windows and Doors Ltd *Buy British*

SAVE MONEY ON YOUR FUEL BILLS WITH OUR ENERGY RATED WINDOWS

SEPTEMBER SALE
UPVC SALE 6 FLAT A RATED WINDOWS ANY SIZE

£1599.00 fitted
t&c's apply geographical & other restrictions apply.
Buy Direct from your local manufacturer

■ Free Design service
■ 10 yr Insurance back guarantee
■ High security locks
■ Energy saving windows & doors
■ All built and installed by our own fitters
■ OAP Discounts (t&c apply)

FANTASTIC NEW UPVC DOOR RANGE
GUARANTEED TO BEAT ANY GENUINE WRITTEN QUOTE

SPECIAL OFFER
PVC DOOR from **£385** fitted

ALL AREAS COVERED 01384 234170 / 01384 429152
VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.MIDLANDUPVC.CO.UK
midlandupvc@live.co.uk
OFFICE HOURS MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 5PM

WORLD OF MOBILITY

NEW SCOOTERS from £595
USED SCOOTERS from £300
RISER RECLINERS from £495
STAIRLIFTS from £1,100
WHEELCHAIRS from £99

Showroom: 108C Brettell Lane, Amblescote, Stourbridge, DY8 4BS or call
01384 378252 OPEN MON-SAT
FREE PARKING at rear
We offer excellent customer service and aftercare on all our products.

MOST POPULAR

INDIAN restaurant

OF THE YEAR

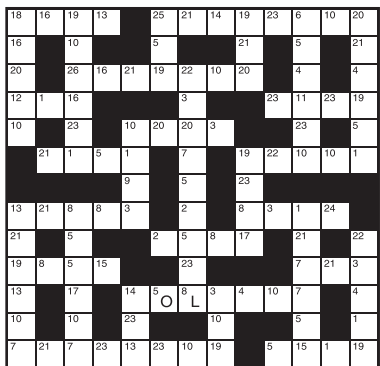
2016

LAUNCHES THIS FRIDAY

BRAIN GYM No.397

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

P	O	W	Q	G	M	I	J	Z	E	N	C	H
F	A	V	D	R	B	X	U	T	S	K	L	Y

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

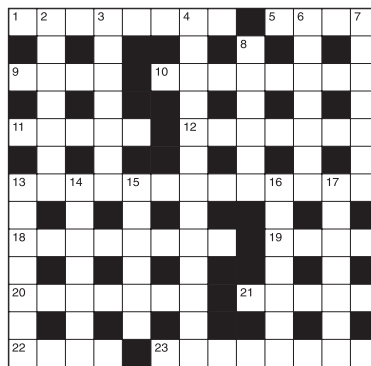
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- During the stage turn, I have to be... (8)
- ... unoccupied (being lazy) (4)
- Announce the scores as 100 each (4)
- It's execrable the defendant should be about right (8)
- Put off being freed to go out (5)
- He gives chase to ship's officer round Union Head (7)
- What anarchy might produce? (13)
- Hold back the others with wet weather (8)
- We shall shortly find water here (4)
- I belong to low order (7)
- Committed to being tied up (5)
- Engrave in sketchy fashion (4)
- Was there as an abstainer concluded (8)

Down

- Could not be closer to Eastern revolution (7)
- Assemble for prayer (7)
- No 2 is chief man in immoral racket? (4-9)
- Put side in contention (7)
- Lasts, but sure to crack at the finish (7)
- Quantities of paper used by sound groups of singers? (6)
- What the striker receives in church? (7)
- It can kill in races (7)
- No beer? get dressed! (6)
- Substantial (8)
- Sob (4)
- Alighted (7)
- Trifling (5)
- Yelps (4)
- Hated (8)



Quick Clues:

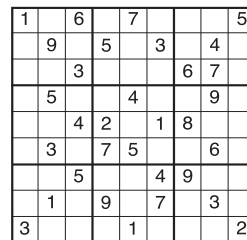
Across

- Reprove (8)
- Young whale (4)
- Dull pain (4)
- Unlearned (8)
- Smaller (5)
- Stretchable (7)
- Unconsciousness (13)
- Substantial (8)
- Sob (4)
- Alighted (7)
- Trifling (5)
- Yelps (4)
- Hated (8)

Down

- Refuse (7)
- Burdensome (7)
- Vow abstinence (4,3,6)
- Greed (7)
- Suitability (7)
- Actions (6)
- Please (7)
- Unceasing (3-4)
- Eatable (6)
- Novelty (7)
- Royal mace (7)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	4	2	8	5	7	6	9	1
5	8	1	3	9	6	4	7	2
6	9	7	4	2	1	3	8	5
1	3	5	2	6	4	7	9	8
7	6	8	1	3	9	2	5	4
4	2	9	6	7	5	1	3	8
8	5	4	7	1	3	9	2	6
2	1	3	9	6	8	5	4	7
9	7	6	5	4	2	8	1	3

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Thoroughly; 7 Amass; 8 Look-out; 10 Hat-trick; 11 Five; 13 Number; 15 Ring up; 17 Tact; 18 Lighters; 21 Niblick; 22 Obese; 23 Headstones. Down: 1 Toast; 2 Observes; 3 O'clock; 4 Grow; 5 Looming; 6 Washington; 9 Trespasses; 12 High-born; 14 Macabre; 16 Wick; 19 Evans; 20 Kind. QUICK - Across: 1 Amalgamate; 7 Raise; 8 Tiltage; 10 Wayfarer; 11 Rude; 13 Impact; 15 Reject; 17 Eros; 18 Mediator; 21 Swindle; 22 Inert; 23 Repentance. Down: 1 Amity; 2 Abeyance; 3 Gather; 4 Mole; 5 Truce; 6 Brawniness; 9 Electorate; 12 Revision; 14 Provide; 16 Defect; 19 Theme; 20 Edge.

Quiz

- In which continent is the Drakensberg mountain range?
- How do we now know Brightheimstone?
- From which flower is orrisroot obtained?
- For which film did Jessica Tandy receive an Oscar at 80?
- Which king handed Parliament the Crown Estate in exchange for the civil list?
- Of which Irish province is Dublin the capital?
- With which magician was Claudia Schiffer romantically linked?
- Which is the only metal to burn in nitrogen?
- In 1919, brothers Ross and Keith Smith were the first to fly from England to where?
- What do we call the mammal Lutra lutra?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Cotswolds; 2 Kingdoms;

3 Jesse Owens; 4 Seven; 5 Nosebleed;

6 Mexico; 7 James Clavell;

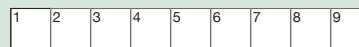
8 King Arthur; 9 Michigan; 10 Stephen.

Niner: DEMOCRATS

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

978 gives a drink,
3452 gives a fish,
57621 gives offal.



TRANSFORM THE LOOK OF YOUR HOME AND CUT YOUR ENERGY BILLS!

0% or BUY NOW PAY AUTUMN 2017, or LOW COST LOAN OPTIONS.

Get a high efficiency "A rated" Worcester Bosch condenser boiler for £23.25 per month



With External Wall Insulation

- Upgrade and improve appearance of building
- Reduce heating bills by £455 pa (detached house)**
- Prevent condensation
- 25 year guarantee
- Low interest finance
- Free loft insulation

External wall insulation (80m2 semi)

from £87.35 per month

Cash Price = £9995.00. Deposit required = £2498.75 (Min 25%). Total amount of credit = £7496.25. 120 monthly instalments of £87.35. Total repayable = £10482.00. 7.3% APR representative.



New Worcester Bosch Condenser Boiler supplied and fitted

£23.25 per month

Cash Price = £1995.00. No deposit required. Total amount of credit = £1995.00. 120 monthly instalments of £23.25. Total repayable = £2790.00. 7.3% APR representative.

- Reduce heating bills by £350 pa (detached house)**
- 5 year manufacturer's warranty
- No deposit
- Low interest finance
- Free cavity and loft insulation



*Seal Energy Ltd is a Credit Broker (not a lender) and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct authority. We offer credit facilities from a Panel of Lenders**All figures from EST website



CONTACT US TODAY ON (FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE)

0800 107 3847





Meat free – vegetable moussaka with rice and salad



Corner spot for the Istanbul Restaurant



Smart style – the contemporary interior



Full of flavour – kleftiko, lamb shank with peppers

Turkish delight as my birthday girl tucked in to this lovely fare

HAVING never been to Turkey the chance to sample some of the nation's dishes from the comfort of a restaurant nearby appealed to us as a family – so we thought we'd give Istanbul a visit.

The trip also coincided with my daughter, Annabelle's, second birthday and, luckily, as there are very few dishes, foods and flavours she doesn't like, we thought it would be nice for her to try something a bit different.

It was a Sunday afternoon, 5pm to be exact, so we thought we might have the run of the place to ourselves and, although we were the second family in, it was soon filling up. The decor at the Istanbul Restaurant in High Street, Rowley Regis was very welcoming, with the open plan-style seating.

By James Driver-Fisher

The atmosphere always seems better when there's an open kitchen too. The smell of cooking drifting throughout the restaurant was enough to get the tastebuds going but the fact we were already hungry meant we were soon ready to order.

Pictures hung from each wall depicting Turkish scenes and the music gently playing through the speakers was also local to the country, which gave the whole place an authentic feeling.

But not too over the top, the kind of place you could relax in a pair of jeans with family and friends over a few drinks while also feeling just as at home dressing up a bit.

The clientele is bound to be different on Friday and Saturday night but as a family, with a young daughter, we were made to feel very welcome.

With a Turkish beer, Efes, and a Turkish red wine ordered we chose our starters.

All the sharing platters looked very appealing, including the mix cold meze platter for two or more, with hummus, tarama, cacik, pancar salata, saksuka and sarma.

We opted for two very different starters, with my wife, Kelly, going for one of her favourites, cacik or tzatziki, which really is simplicity itself and always tastes good.

Challenge

The mixture of homemade yoghurt, cucumber, dry mint, dill, garlic and olive oil tasted really delicious. My choice was the mitite kofte, minced meat balls cooked in wine with tomato sauce. It was delicious and it all came with a bowl of flat breads to share. When it was time to order the mains, selecting a single meal each was even more of a challenge. But a decision had to be

made and in the end we went for kaburga, lamb ribs marinated with herbs, and kleftiko, a lamb shank mixed with peppers, baby carrots and baby potatoes, all cooked in a clay oven.

The children's menu also contained six dishes and we decided to try the chicken shish for my daughter, which came with salad and chips. Kelly really enjoyed her meal too and I can vouch for the flavour as I managed to steal a few mouthfuls.

The entire lamb shank just fell off the bone. Mine was a little dry for my liking – not a criticism because it came exactly as you would expect – but I asked for a side order of yoghurt just to add a bit more moisture.

We both had one more drink each, another beer and a Cosmopolitan cocktail, so when the bill came to just over £47 for the lot, we were even more impressed.

theticket

01562 820 880

Kidderminster@halls.gb.com

OnTheMarket.com

Halls 1845

LAND AT WELLS MEADOWS, WILDEN, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN, DY13 9DS



Approximately 37.29 acres (15.09 ha) of grassland separated into five useful enclosures.

Single bank fishing rights on the River Stour are included in the sale.

Guide Price: £220,000

For sale by Private Treaty

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT HALLS KIDDERMINSTER ON 01562 820880

halls.gb.com Shrewsbury / Bishops Castle / Ellesmere / Oswestry / Welshpool / Whitchurch / Kidderminster / Worcester / Halesowen

Property



**LOOK OUT FOR THE LATEST
HOMES FOR SALE AND TO LET
EVERY WEEK IN THE CHRONICLE**

Express & Star



Comfort and practicality

By John Griffiths

Visit almost any European city and you'll probably be taken aback by the sheer numbers of scooters on the road.

The advantages are obvious: they're small enough to nip in and out of traffic, easy to park, cheap to run and offer more weather protection than a typical motorcycle.

But in recent years bigger, more powerful examples of the genre seem to have catered for a pent up demand for personal transport which will keep up with traffic on bypasses and even the motorway, and offer even higher levels of comfort and practicality.

Many manufacturers have produced scooters with the performance edging that of a middleweight bike, but Piaggio broke the mould when it launch its innovative MP3: a three wheeler designed to get drivers out of their cars (and the traffic jams).

And the flagship is £7,736 MP3 500, which comes in 'business' and 'sport' styles and, because of its third wheel, is the only 500 you can driver on a standard car licence.

That's one advantage: another is its extra stability and its extraordinary front steering and suspension system: Piaggio's own invention which allows the MP3 to corner quickly and competently with eye-popping lean angles.

With third-wheel stability, the MP2 doesn't feel heavy to handle at a crawl or when pushing backwards from a parking spot, as some similar-sized machines do.

The new MP3 has added safety features, with a traction control system to avoid wheel-

spin and slides on the rear (driven) wheel and anti-lock brakes for safer stopping – plus it has disc brakes on all three 13-inch alloy wheels.

This latest version has been modified to provide more room in the rider's seat/handlebars/footboard triangle, with big, comfortable seats for the rider and passenger, with low but well-positioned backrest cushions for maximum comfort. An even softer gel saddle is an option, generous.

Pillion passengers get a generous amount of space, too.

Comfortable

Progress on the road is particularly smooth, thanks both to the suspension and the fuel injection system with 'fly by wire' throttle system.

On my test run along a dual carriageway it made short work of accelerating up to 70mph, and felt comfortable holding there, with the large, height adjustable screen doing an excellent job of deflecting the wind blast.

With plenty of power in reserve, the engine runs quietly and is barely audible above the usual wind in the helmet noise.

The advertised top speed is 89mph and I'm sure it would reach that (if it was legal) but its capability and comfort on the test ride convinced me that a long motorway run would be somewhat less physically stressful than some bikes.

The 40bhp, four-stroke engine has been completely revamped, with the accent on increasing torque at low revs for quicker, smoother acceleration off the mark, while it's also more economical. Riders can change the engine mapping at the touch of a button to economy mode for even better fuel efficiency.

The tilting forks at the front can be locked



or unlocked at the flick of a switch so that – with practice – the rider rarely has to put a foot down as the bike comes to a halt. But it is a skill you have to develop – for example as soon as you touch the throttle the lock disengages, so you don't want to be half-hearted about it or it could prove embarrassing and costly.

As someone more used to bikes, putting a foot down seems much more natural – espe-

cially as the low (790) seat means most riders should easily manage that. But the MP3 is also equipped with a handbrake, so in combination with locked forks you don't really need to bother with the side stand when parking.

The lockable luggage compartment under the seat is plenty big enough to hold two helmets, and has a courtesy light plus a 12 volt power socket,

The conventional two-dial instrument panel is supplemented by a multifunction digital display with a comprehensive trip computer and, higher up (just below the screen) there's a slim panel housing an array of warning lights including main beam, oil pressure and so on.

A Piaggio multimedia platform is an add-on system which allows owners to link a smart phone to the scooter and its systems.

Express Repairs for Minor Accident Damage



✓ **Bumper scuffs**

✓ **Kerbed alloys**



✓ **Paintwork scratches**

✓ **Dented panels**

Local: 01384 429568
Mobile: 07500 858428

Email us: halesowen.stourbridge@chipsaway.co.uk
www.chipsawayhalesowenandstourbridge.co.uk

Visit us: Unit 9 Lye Valley Industrial Estate,
Bromley Street, Lye DY9 8HX



ChipsAway

Scratches and scuffs won't dent your pocket



• Free Estimates • Lifetime Guarantee • Most Repairs Completed in One Day



Halesowen Autos

Quality Used Cars At Great Prices



09/09 Range Rover Sport 2.7 TDV6 Diesel SE 5dr Automatic, 74k, Green, Alloys, Black leather, Sat-Nav, Climate Control, CD, E/Windows £16995 / POA	08/08 Honda Civic Type-R 2.0 i-VTEC 3dr, 51k, Bronze Metallic, Purple Metallic Alloys, Push Button Start, CD Player, Electric Windows £6495 / £33 Per Week
09/59 Jaguar XF 3.0D V6 Luxury Diesel 4dr Automatic, ONLY 35k miles, ONE Owner, Ultimate Black, Alloys, Black Leather, Sat-Nav, Climate Control, CD, E/Windows £13995 / POA	10/10 Fiat Doblo 1.4 8V Dynamic High Roof 5dr Mobility Wheelchair Access Vehicle, 39k, Red, Wheelchair Access Ramp, Alloys, CD, E/Windows £6495 / £33 Per Week
10/10 Mercedes C200 CDI Diesel Blue EFFICIENCY Elegance 4dr Automatic, ONLY 36k miles, Grey Metallic, Alloys, Black Leather, Heated Seats, Climate Control, CD, E/Windows £12495 / POA	09/09 Ford Fiesta 1.25 Zetec 3dr, ONLY 26k MILES, Red, Alloys, Air Con, CD Player, Electric Windows £5795 / £30 Per Week
08/57 Audi TT 2.0 TFSI 2dr S Tronic Convertible Automatic, 55k, Red Metallic, Alloys, Grey Leather, CD, E/Windows £10495 / £56 Per Week	10/10 Skoda Fabia 1.9 TDi Sport 60k, Mauve with White Roof, Alloys, Air Con, CD, E/Windows £4995 / £28 Per Week
07/57 Mercedes SLK 200K 1.8 2dr Tip Hard-top Convertible Automatic, 56k, Blue, Alloys, Cream Leather, Heated seats, CD, E/Windows £9495 / £50 Per Week	07/07 Honda Civic 1.8 i-VTEC ES 5dr with Panoramic Roof, ONLY 47k miles, Blue, Alloys, Push Button Start, Air Con, CD, Dual Climate Control, E/Windows £4995 / £28 Per Week
13/63 Dacia Duster 1.5 DCi Diesel 4X4 Laureate ONLY 22k miles, White, Alloys, Air Con, CD Player, E/Windows £8495 / £47 Per Week	09/58 Vauxhall Corsa 1.4i 16V Design 5dr Automatic, 45k, Blue Metallic, Alloys, Air-Con, CD, E/Windows £4495 / £23 Per Week
12/12 Mini Cooper Coupe 3dr, ONLY 26k miles, Blue Metallic, Alloys, Cream Leather, Air Con, E/Windows, CD Player £8495 / £47 Per Week	08/58 Toyota Auris 1.6 VVTi SR 5dr, 75k, Blue Metallic, Alloys, Air Con, CD Player, E/Windows £3695 / £20 Per Week
09/09 Audi A4 2.0 TDI Diesel 143 SE 5dr Multitronic Auto Estate, 88k, Black, Alloys, Digital Air Con, CD, E/Windows £8495 / £47 Per Week	08/58 Fiat Bravo 1.9 Multijet Diesel Dynamic 5dr, 61k, Blue, Alloys, CD, Air-Con, E/Windows £3495 / £18 Per Week
08/08 Mercedes C Class C180K 1.8 Elegance 5dr Automatic Estate, 80k, Silver, Alloys, Black Leather, Heated Seats, CD, Climate Control, E/Windows £7495 / £38 Per Week	02/02 Smart City-Coupe Smart and Pulse Automatic 64k, Black Alloy, Black Leather, Heated Seats, Panoramic Glass Roof, CD, E/Windows £1995

Finance example: 09/58 Vauxhall Corsa 1.4i 16V Design, Cash Price £4495, Deposit £300, Amount of credit £4195, Fixed interest rate 6.25% Flat rate, 11.8% Apr, 60 monthly Payments of £99.60 (£22.98 per week) Total amount payable £6276.00 (Includes Document fee and Completion fee, Subject to status)

FINANCE AVAILABLE • PART EXCHANGE
WARRANTIES AVAILABLE • WE BUY CARS

1 CROSS STREET, HALESOWEN B63 4RT
Tel: 0121 501 3840
www.halesowenautos.co.uk

YOUR LOCAL FAMILY RUN FORD MAIN DEALER



EVERY CAR REDUCED SALE NOW ON



FORD **KA**

FROM
£4699



FORD **FIESTA**

FROM
£5499



FORD **FOCUS**

FROM
£6499

		WAS	NOW
12 REG	PANDA 1.2 EASY 5DR A/CON BLUE 25574 miles	£4,499	£3,999
59 REG	KIA SOUL 1.6 CRDI DIESEL SOUL 2 5DR AIR CON SILVER 63321 miles	£4,499	£4,299
62 REG	VXL MERIVA 1.7 CDTI EXCLUSIVE 5DR AUTOMATIC BLUE/GREY 32343 miles	£6,399	£5,999
14 REG	PEUGEOT 208 1.2 VTI ACCESS + 3DR GREY 17878 miles	£6,999	£6,699
13 REG	SUZUKI SX4 1.6 SX4 SZ4 WHITE 33678 miles	£6,999	£6,599
64 REG	TOYOTA AYGO 1.0 VVT-I ICE 5DR AIR CON WHITE 6920 miles	£7,499	£6,999
13 REG	MERIVA 1.4T SE F+ R PARK H.SEATS ICE BLUE 19971 miles	£8,499	£7,999
64 REG	CITROEN DS3 1.6HDI AIRDREAM DSTYLE+ 3DR SILVER 19367 miles	£8,999	£8,699
13 REG	KIA CEED 1.6 GDI SE SAT NAV R.CAM 3DR PETROL ORANGE 26660 miles	£9,999	£9,699
14 REG	CITROEN DS4 1.6 HDI 115 D STYLE 5DR R SENS SILVER 22786 miles	£9,999	£9,699
61 REG	VW TIGUAN 2.0 TDI 4MOTION TDCI AUTO CHAMPAGNE 34483 miles	£13,499	£13,299
15 REG	TOYOTA AVENSIS 2.0 D4-D ICON BUS-ED ESTATE BLACK 11576 miles	£14,499	£13,999
10 REG	KA 1.2 STUDIO 3DR BLACK 31955 miles	£3,699	£3,499
11 REG	KA 1.2 ZETEC 3DR STROBE 35029 miles	£4,699	£4,499
11 REG	KA 1.2 ZETEC 3DR BLUSH 25748 miles	£5,699	£4,999
11 REG	FIESTA 1.6 ZETEC S S1600 BLUETOOTH BLUE 29749 miles	£6,999	£6,699
14 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 5DR SYNC RED 6826 miles	£7,999	£7,699
14 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 5DR SYNC CITY PACK SILVER 33227 miles	£7,999	£7,799
14 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 5DR SYNC CANDY BLUE 23451 miles	£7,999	£7,799
14 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 5DR SYNC RED 5722 miles	£7,999	£7,799
13 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.0 80 TITANIUM 5DR DRESS UP KIT CANDY BLUE 25785 miles	£7,999	£7,799
14 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.0 100 3DR ZETEC ECOBOOST SYNC RED 13647 miles	£8,199	£7,999
14 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.0 100 ZETEC 5DR SYNC BLACK 24557 miles	£8,499	£8,199
13 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.0 100 ZETEC 5DR SYNC CANDY BLUE 28220 miles	£8,499	£8,199
63 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.6 ZETEC 5DR PWR SHIFT F+RPK NOSYNC MAGENTA 20456 miles	£8,499	£8,199
15 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 5DR SYNC MID SKY 10912 miles	£8,499	£8,199

		WAS	NOW
64 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.0 100 ZETEC 3DR SYNC RED 6556 miles	£8,999	£8,699
14 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 5 DOOR SYNC + CITY PACK SILVER 4679 miles	£8,699	£8,499
15 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 5DR SYNC WHITE 25224 miles	£8,999	£8,799
64 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.0 100 ZETEC 5DR SYNC WHITE 13964 miles	£8,999	£8,699
14 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.0 100 TITANIUM 5DR CON PK SILVER 28654 miles	£8,999	£8,799
65 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 5DR SYNC CANDY BLUE 11176 miles	£9,499	£9,199
14 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.0 125 TIT X 5DR R.CAM H.SEATS D I BLUE 22425 miles	£9,999	£9,799
16 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.0 100 ZETEC ECO 5DR SYNC D I BLUE 5906 miles	£10,999	£10,799
16 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.0 125 ZETEC S 3DR SYNC WHITE 5765 miles	£11,999	£11,799
64 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.6 ST2 STYLE PK 3DR RED 9544 miles	£13,499	£13,199
15 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.6 ST3 STYLE PACK 3DR SPIRIT 15105 miles	£14,499	£14,499
16 REG	NEW FIESTA 1.5TDCI TITANIUM X 5DR NAV CANDY RED 10 miles	£16,999	£16,499
60 REG	FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5DR BT SILVER 44000 miles	£5,499	£5,299
63 REG	FOCUS 1.0 125 ZETEC 5DR APP PACK RED 33163 miles	£8,499	£8,299
12 REG	FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5DR PRIV R.SENS CANDY RED 12473 miles	£8,699	£8,499
14 REG	FOCUS 1.0 100 ZETEC 5DR APP PACK MICASTONE 15250 miles	£8,999	£8,799
13 REG	FOCUS 1.6 TDCI TITANIUM 5DR RED 35157 miles	£9,499	£8,999
14 REG	FOCUS 1.0 125 TITANIUM NAVIGATOR CANDY RED 16501 miles	£10,499	£10,299
64 REG	FOCUS 1.0 125 ZETEC S 5DR D I BLUE 21301 miles	£10,999	£10,799
16 REG	FOCUS RS 2.3 19"AL PR.NAV+CAM SROOF BL.CAL WHITE 1758 miles	£35,999	£35,999
62 REG	C-MAX 1.6 TDCI ZETEC 5DR REAR SENS SILVER 53221 miles	£7,499	£7,299
63 REG	C-MAX 1.6 TDCI TITANIUM 5DR REAR SENS SILVER 11942 miles	£10,999	£10,699
13 REG	G-CMAX 1.6 TDCI ZETEC 5DR REAR SENS RED 32555 miles	£10,999	£10,699
11 REG	KUGA 2.0 TDCI 163 TITANIUM AP.PK R.SENS BLACK 51600 miles	£11,499	£10,999



64 REG **TOYOTA AYGO**

1.0 VVT-ICE, 5DR, AIR CON,
WHITE, 6,920 MILES

WAS £7499
NOW **£6999**



13 REG **KIA CEED**

1.6 GDI SE 3DR, SAT
NAV, R.CAM ORANGE,
26,660 MILES

WAS £9999
NOW **£9699**



61 REG **VW TIGUAN**

2.0 TDI 4 MOTION TDCI
AUTOCHAMPAGNE,
34,383 MILES

WAS £13499
NOW **£13299**

T Wall Ford

High Street, Pensnett, Kingswinford, DY6 8XB
Tel: 01384 288 333

Part of an Award
winning Family
Run Business
established 1953

Follow us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/twallford

Your localFord Dealer



www.twallford.co.uk

Pictures for illustration purposes only, offers subject to stock availability, terms and conditions apply.

Twenty years of Octavia

By James Parker

It was 20 years ago this month in 1996, that former Czech President Vaclav Havel gave the starting signal for the production of the Škoda Octavia in the newly opened part of the plant at the company's headquarters.

This also marked the beginning of a unique success story: Over the following two decades, the Škoda Octavia became a worldwide bestseller and is still the best selling model of the brand from Mladá Boleslav. The popular compact car paved the way for Škoda's success.

In February 1995 in Mladá Boleslav, the foundation stone for the new production line was laid, on which the first Octavias would be produced around 18 months later.

For the new series Škoda built a modern production line in a 32,000-square-meter hall.

In addition, a total of 2,500 square meters of office space and 3,000 square meters of social areas were created. In March 1996, the new paint shop was completed, where up to 1,800 bodies of model series Škoda Felicia and Škoda Octavia would be painted every day.

On September 3, 1996, former President of the Czech Republic Václav Havel inaugurated the new plant and also officially gave the go-ahead for the series production of the Octavia.

"The plant is beautiful, modern, really pretty. It would be great if all factories looked like this." – Havel's words of praise at the opening ceremony.

The development of the completely new OCTAVIA model series began in 1992, approximately one year after the traditional Czech brand joined the Volkswagen Group.

The Škoda Octavia was based on a group platform which was completely new at the time.

The robust body structure, which had been developed using the latest CAD (Computer Aided Design) technology, provided exemplary active and passive safety in combination with front airbags for driver and passenger.

Highlight

In addition, this was the first time that Škoda had offered the then new side airbags for the Octavia.

With the clever liftback solution, the new compact featured an especially practical highlight: Thanks to the large tailgate of the hatchback model, customers benefited from excellent access to the 528-litre boot, which could be extended to as much as 1,328 litres by folding the rear seats down.

In 1996 – the first sales year – Škoda Octavia customers could choose from two four-cylinder petrol engines or a turbodiesel drivetrain.

In May 1998, the Škoda Octavia Combi extended the model range; from 1999 the estate version was also available with all-wheel drive.

The last vehicle from the first generation rolled off the production line in November 2010.



.....
Škoda Octavia was based on a group platform which was completely new at the time

Between September 1996 and November 2010 around 970,000 saloons and more than 470,000 estates were delivered.

The second-generation Octavia seamlessly continued the success story of its predecessor: Between 2004 and 2013, 1.6 million customers opted for the saloon, 900,000 buyers chose the Octavia estate.

The third generation of the Octavia has been in production since November 2012. Today the bestseller is considered the

heart of the brand and is extremely popular both as a family car and as a company vehicle.

Since the start of production of the first generation on September 3, 1996, more than five million Škoda Octavias have left the production halls.

In addition to the main plant in Mladá Boleslav the compact is also manufactured at the Škoda plants in China, India, Russia and Kazakhstan.

SPECIAL OFFERS CONTINUE DON'T MISS OUT!!



**2013/63 VAUXHALL
ASTRA 1.4i 16V
ENERGY**

5 door, Black,
41,129 miles

NOW £6895



**2013/63 FIAT 500
ARBARTH 1.4 16V
T JET**

3 door, White,
40,127 miles

NOW £8495



**2016/16 VAUXHALL
ADAM 1.4i
SLAM**

3 door, Blue,
4,031 miles

NOW £9999



**2014/14 VAUXHALL
CORSA 1.2 LIMITED
EDITION**

3 door, Yellow,
20,083 miles

NOW £6995



**2015/15 VAUXHALL
ADAM 1.4T
GRAND SLAM**

3 door, White,
15,044 miles

NOW £10995



**2011/61 VAUXHALL
ZAFIRA 1.7 CDTi
ECOFLEX ELITE (125)**

5 door Diesel,
Black, 21,396 miles

NOW £7995



**2016/16 VAUXHALL
ADAM 1.2 SLAM**

3 door, Red,
6,158 miles

NOW £9895



**2013/13 VAUXHALL
CASCADA 1.4 T ELITE
CONVERTIBLE**

2 door, Grey,
31,303 miles

NOW £12195



**2015/15 VAUXHALL
ASTRA 1.6 CDTi
16V 136 SRi**

5 door Diesel,
Black, 15,798 miles

NOW £9995

MANY MORE FANTASTIC OFFERS ON SITE

T Wall Garages

01384 288333

www.twall.co.uk

High Street, Pensnett,
Kingswinford
DY6 8XB

Award winning family-run business – established 1953
1 Mile from Russells Hall, Hospital, towards Kingswinford



VAUXHALL

Local Specialists

Builders

C. ETHERIDGE BUILDING SERVICES

• Extensions
• Alterations
• Roofing
• Landscaping
• Block paving
• General property maintenance.

For a FREE quote call Chris
01384 635627
07989 738732

Decorating

A.S. Painter & Decorator

Interior & Exterior
FREE ESTIMATES
Cleanliness Assured

Call:
07730 477564

Double Glazing

MISTY UNITS REPLACED

Buy Direct from the manufacturer. Est. 1999



Reduce heat loss by up to 75%

Also upgrade your existing double glazed units to Pilkington EnergiKare, it will help to reduce the amount of heat lost through your windows by up to 75%, lock, handles, hinges.

WITH A 10 YEAR GUARANTEE AND FITTING SERVICE AVAILABLE

Delph Glazed Units

Unit 32 Delph Rd Ind Est (by the tank), Brierley Hill DY5 2UA
Visit our new website
www.delphglazedunits.co.uk
Telephone: 01384 573 074

Electricians

BRADLEY ELECTRICAL & MAINTENANCE

Est 1987

All electrical work undertaken
Fully qualified & insured
Installation Condition Reports
No job too small
★ FREE ESTIMATES ★

Electrical Safety Register



Call Paul 01384 344589 or 07812 435833
www.bradleyelectrical.net

Gardening

ROWAN TREE & GARDEN SERVICES LTD

*Tree Surgeon Specialist *Stump Grinding/Root Removal
*Hedges Pruned/Shaped *Jungles Cleared/Full Landscapes
*Fencing *Turfing *Concreting *Driveways & Patios
*Plus Much More Call Now For a No Obligation Quotation
WWW.ROWANGROUP.CO.UK
01384 213644 or 07733 226568

AGE CONCERN & Local Authority Contractor, N.P.T.C. qualified,
Public Liability Insurance (£5 million) All staff C.R.B. Certified
PART OF THE ROWAN GROUP OF COMPANIES

Carpentry

BCG CARPENTRY

Loft Conversion Specialist

All Carpentry Work Undertaken

07817 703 105

Bcgcarpentry@live.co.uk

FREDEN DECOR

Do You Need A Painter, Painter or Decorator?
TELEPHONE FRED FOR A RELIABLE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Free quotes and advice on:
07904 441412 - DAYTIME
01384 572371 - AFTER 6PM

JOHN MORRIS Interior & Exterior Decorating

Artexing & Coving
Over 35 years experience
FREE ESTIMATES

01384 349 375
07710 133 445

Double Glazing

Misted Sealed Units?

Black Country Glazing
Contact US for a FREE quote!

Manufacturers & Installers of windows, doors & conservatories

'A' Rated Windows as Standard
10 YEAR GUARANTEE

Please see our customer reviews on either Homepro or Which

Energy efficient windows that won't cost the earth

Station Street, Cradley Heath, B64 6AJ

Est 1987 **01384 566100**
www.blackcountryglazing.com



Scotts WINDOW & DOOR REPAIRS

• Misty Units
• Broken Locks
• Door Repairs
• Patio Doors

07973 84 84 38 • 0800 034 0344

Driveways

DISCOUNT DRIVEWAYS

Block Paving and Tarmac Drives • Paths • Patios
Slabbing • Red Tarmac Car Parks

5 Year Guarantee On All Work

Free Quotations and Advice

Tel: 01384 79900 • 07583 170190
www.discountdriveways.co.uk

ACE PAVING SERVICES LTD

City and Guilds approved
• Tarmac • Concrete Imprint • Block Paving and Patios
• Landscaping • Streetworks • Curb dropping • Turfing
• Fencing and Decking • Power Washing • 5 year guarantee
FREE estimate • 15 years experience • Fully insured

01384 847115 | 0121 7692193 | 07448031419

Web: www.acepaving.co.uk

Email: acepaving@outlook.com

Cradley Enterprise Centre, Maypole Fields,

Driveways & Patios

Trent Driveways & Patio Specialists

• FENCING
• TURFING
• LANDSCAPING
• BLOCK PAVING
• TARMAC/GRASS
• DRAINAGE SYSTEMS
• AGGREGATES AND CHIPPINGS
• HIGH PRESSURE CLEANING

MINI DIGGER AND DRIVER HIRE SERVICE

FREE WRITTEN QUOTATION
Tel: 01384 466 950
Mob: 07708 332 005

www.trentlandscapes.co.uk

Cressage Paving

Specialists in:
Block Paving, Tarmac, Landscaping, Graveling, Patios, Forecourts, Fencing and Driveways
All Groundwork undertaken

FREE WRITTEN QUOTATION

Mini Digger & Driver available

01384 944032
Mob: 07879 073702
www.cressage-group.co.uk

Fencing

MB electric
All domestic and commercial electrical works undertaken
Home rewiring from £800
For a high quality local service call:
01384 660398
07939 503905
mbelectric.co.uk



Fencing

Fencing & Gates

All Garden Work Undertaken
• Slabbing • Block Paving • Tree Felling
• Turfing • Garden Clearance
NO JOB TOO SMALL
Manufacturers of all Concrete Products
eg. Concrete Posts, Gravel Boards
All work guaranteed Insurance work undertaken
Over 15 years experience (Public liability covered)

Call Steve on
01384 242891 or 07970 300586

Gardening

SEDGLEY TREE CARE

Professional Tree Surgeon
All aspects of tree work undertaken
• CONTRACT TREE CLIMBER
• TREE REMOVAL
• CROWN REDUCTION
• STUMP GRINDING
• HEDGE TRIMMING
• GARDEN CLEARANCES
ALL WASTE REMOVED
NPTC QUALIFIED
07746813358 or 01902 659 692
FOR A FREE QUOTE

Fascias Soffits & Guttering

Roberts Guttering Services

20% Discount
Local Specialists
Dry Verge Units Fitted
For All aspects of cleaning & repair call
Robert for a FREE quote on
07767869792
We Fit UPVC Soffits & Fascias

✓ Hedge Trimming
✓ Lawn Mowing
✓ Garden Maintenance
✓ Driveway Clean/Seal
✓ Fencing
✓ Turfing



Call for FREE quote
JDCLandscapes | 0800 077 6981 | 07944 883248

Loft Ladders

The Loft Ladder Man

Loft Ladders £120 fitted from inclusive

New or enlarged hatches
T & G Flooring, Lighting

Call Luke on
07779 118807 or 01384 833025

lukejs248@gmail.com

Plumbing & Heating

KEN PERRY PLUMBING & HEATING ENGINEER

Gas Fitting, Boiler Servicing and Immersion Heaters,
Multi Point Water Heaters,
Landlord's Gas Certificates,
Boilers changed
Guild of Master Craftsmen
Gas Safe Registered
STOURBRIDGE 392284

Property Maintenance

DG Property Maintenance & Repairs

Decorating, Gardening, Fencing Repairs, Woodwork, Locks, Windows & Doors
Fitted & Replaced
Flat Pack Assembly
Call 07814 379166 or 01384 839366

Combi Doo

Gas Safe registered 120506

Get your boiler serviced and ready for winter

Special Offers Now On!

Insulation, repairs and services on boilers, fires and cookers

Install A band condensing boiler with free wireless room stat from £1250
Ex British Gas with 30 years experience

07956 830204

Have you had your boiler/fire checked for Carbon Monoxide??

Landlord Gas Safety Checks

safe

To advertise your business and reach more than 56,000 potential customers...

1

Call us on...
01384 399901

2

E-mail us at...
sue.jones@expressandstar.co.uk

3

Post to...
Sue Jones, Stourbridge Chronicle
3 Market Street, Stourbridge DY8 1AB

Local Specialists

Pest Control

Tuition

Greenlab Pest Control

- Waspes
- Fleas
- Bedbugs
- Flies
- Rats/mice
- Free quotations
- B.P.C.A. accredited
- CEPA Certified

COVERING ALL AREAS OF DUDLEY & STOURBRIDGE

Tel: 01384 829115
FreePhone - 0800 953 0093
Mobile: 07913 355290
www.greenlabpestcontrol.co.uk
Email: sales@greenlabpestcontrol.co.uk

MATHEMATICS

Finding Maths difficult?

Increase confidence and improve skills with a qualified experienced specialist Maths teacher. Primary, Secondary and Adult learners welcome. New Curriculum incorporated. Numeracy prep for professional entrance assessments. No fee for initial consultation.

Telephone 07712 427936

M&Fascias

Quality

- uPVC • Fascias • Soffits • Guttering
- Tile Edging • Roofing

Also

CONCRETE GUTTERING

Specialist removal
Replacing with
Modern low maintenance
Upvc Fascias and Soffits

No Free Gimmicks Family Business Local References if required

Giving homeowners peace of mind ALWAYS FREE ADVICE AND QUOTATION Freephone 0800 799 9413 to speak to Mark

123 Amblecote Road, Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 2YD

All work guaranteed with HomePro Insurance

Registered with

Membership No. 554518

HomePro

TRUST MARK

Fairtrade

RUBBER RIGHT ROOFING

ALL ROOFING SPECIALISTS

Perfect for Extensions, Dormer Windows and Garage Roofs

Before **After**

EDMP Roofing System Single Garage from £895 all inc.

Reboarded with 18mm Smart Ply
Further Reductions on Larger Areas
Plus 25 Year Guarantee

HALF PRICE OFFER THIS MONTH ONLY T&CS APPLY

ALL ASPECTS OF ROOFING UNDERTAKEN INCLUDING

- RIDGE TILES
- REPOINTING
- FASCIAS, SOFFITS & GUTTERING
- CHIMNEY REPAIRS
- ALL ROOF REPAIRS
- NEW ROOFS

FULLY INSURED, NO CALL OUT CHARGE - NO DEPOSIT TO PAY - ONLY PAY WHEN SATISFIED
DRY VERGE SYSTEMS £5 PER UNIT FOR 1 MONTH ONLY

Enquiries and Free Quotes: 0800 959 6093 - 01902 585210 - 07887381641

To advertise your business and reach more than 56,000 potential customers...

1 Call us on... 01384 399901

2 E-mail us at... sue.jones@expressandstar.co.uk

3 Post to... Sue Jones, Stourbridge Chronicle 3 Market Street, Stourbridge DY8 1AB

Skip Hire

MT SKIPS & GRAB HIRE

Save £££s

All size skips and all areas covered
Same day delivery faster than a phone call!!!

Open 7 days a week

SCRAP CARS REMOVED FOR FREE

07920 88 57 74 or 01384 24 09 56

YOU FILL 'EM WE MT 'EM

Roofing

ELITE PLASTICS

- Fascias • Soffits • Dry Verge
- Pointing • Gutter Cleaning And Repair

Premium Products Expertly Fitted
With Full Manufacture Guarantee.

For A Free Quote call 01384 468831 / 07985 575865

www.eliteplasticsupvc.co.uk

Express & Star DATING

Here's how to use your dating service ...

To Place your advert call: 0844 381 5936

To Place your ad by text: 0906 500 3955

To Reply to members call: 0906 500 3955

To Reply by text: 0906 500 3955

THE biggest UK on-line database of 17 million UK REAL users waiting to meet you...

http://dating.expressandstar.com

Single Women

REMEMBER: Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

SICK of being stuck on the shelf. Jenny, 45, attractive female seeks N/S caring male 42-55 who feels the same to share adult companionship. meals in/out, possibly LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424225

KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40-45. Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3006 Box 419673

ATTRACTIVE professional lady, 57, widow, likes dining out, country pubs, good conversation and laughter, seeks genuine professional gent, with a gosh with similar interests, to enjoy life with. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424157

JANE, young 41, very broad-minded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. Tel: No: 0906 515 3006 Box: 409715

SENSUAL tactile, attractive female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, loves travel, wining/dining, WLTm genuine male for mutual companionship. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424231

KERRY, 35yrs, married in open relationship, attractive, tall, slim and very presentable. Seeks discreet gent any age for casual pleasurable encounters. Tel: 0906 515 3040 Box 422363

HI I'm Pam, 42, slim, blonde, green eyes, discreet, loves cuddles, seeking similar discreet tactile male for mutual friendship with benefits. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424101

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. Tel: 0906 515 3016 Box: 413399

LOUISE, 39, tactile good-looking solvent female WLTm spontaneous male for holidays, spoiling and lots of fun times. Age/looks/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424055

EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3028 Box 421375

NAOMI, 43, attractive fun loving female with lots of love to offer a genuine caring guy. Come on lets share all the good things life has to offer together! Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424085

LORRAINE, attractive solvent brunette, 34yrs, own house/car wtm gent any age, looks unimportant but must have GSOH. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3028 Box 422415

CLARA, 32yr Irish lass working away from home and friends, lonely and looking for older male companionship with no ties or complications. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424021

SUSIE, 36yrs, attractive, tall slim blonde seeks fifty shades of grey with discreet gent, must have a fun side looks unimportant. Tel: 0906 515 3036 Box 424045

FEMALE 50, seeks male of similar age for friendship, possible relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 350529

JESSIE, sophisticated, well educated brunette lady, 38yrs, WLTm man of any age for discreet chats, meetings and more. Age/looks unimportant must have SOH. Box 4107857

AMY 31yr old single mum, new to the area, looking to meet male companion to help make me settle in and feel special again, age/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424051

Single Women

TALL, slim and curvy woman, 57, attractive with GSOH and varied interests, seeks similar man 50-65 Bristol area, for discreet assignments. Text only Mailbox: 5546538

DIANE, loving and caring, young 72 year old, blond hair, brown eyes, smoker, looking for gentleman 50-64, non-smoker, for friendship. Walsall area. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424025

ELLA, 46, slim confident brunette, tired of spending lonely nights alone, seeking honest, reliable, caring, mature, out, hopefully leading to a night. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424015

JANE, attractive blonde lady, genuine, sincere, likes theatre, meals out, looking to meet nice looking professional single man. Text only Mailbox: 553512

JULIE, attractive early 40's brunette, size 10, varied interests, WLTm male for fun times, good conversations, spoiling and maybe more. status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423993

JACKIE, 49, dark hair, green eyes, cuddly build, likes going out, gym, reading, looking for an honest gentleman for friendship/possible relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422257

LYN, 39yrs, dark hair and blue eyes, WLTm action man of any age for fun and games. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423899

JENNY, looking for a man, 45-55, for adult fun, must be discreet. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423827

LADY, 48, 5ft2, hazel eyes, brown hair, likes bowling, meals out, nights in, ice skating, looking for a toy boy, 30-42, who is fun and enjoys life to have a good time with. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422679

LINDA, blonde green eyed lady with nice figure, likes gym, meals out, music, looking for male to enjoy fun times, status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423879

SUSAN divorced female 44, OHAC, no ties, loves to keep fit and look good, WLTm mature guy to fall in love with. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423849

DORRIE, 39, sporty, fun, hardworking professional, seeks similar male to help live up weekends and make her laugh. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423883

BERNIE, 42yr old female, sophisticated, genuine, attractive, no ties, OHAC, looking for honest man. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423853

LADY, 48, 5ft2, hazel eyes, brown hair, likes bowling, meals out, nights in, ice skating, looking for a toy boy, 30-42, who is fun and enjoys life to have a good time with. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422679

SUE, 58, feminine lady, attractive, intelligent and slim seeks genuine strong-minded male, I have so many interests please call to hear them. ACA. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423577

RUTH, 41, single mum fed up with child play, looking for adult relationship with attractive loving guy. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423629

SINGLE, broadminded female, 28, large breasted, seeks gent any age for discreet no strings adult fun. Looks unimportant. Text only Mailbox: 5526652

AUTHORITATIVE demanding lady 54, requires servile male for household duties, any age. Text only Mailbox: 5527306

Single Women

THERESA, 44, green eyed single mum, very lonely, looking for loving companionship with male in similar situation, hopefully to become soul mates. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423601

SASHA 33yr old fun loving attractive single mum looking for love with open-minded male seeking similar fun times without ties. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423671

LINDA, 58, lonely lady, WLTm gentleman 50-64, non-smoker, likes walking in countryside and meals out. Coventry area. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423671

30YR old attractive confident business woman, frequently in area seeks older gent, for mutual spoiling, pampering and fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423633

IF you fancy a chat, are tall, dark and handsome, give Caroline, 37, beautiful, tall, fit female a call. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423605

SANDY, mature, very young looking widow seeks fit young man to enjoy fun, cuddles and kisses. Call me. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423493

LINDA, 58, lonely lady, likes walks in the countryside and meals out, WLTm a gentleman, 59-64, n/s, Coventry area. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423547

CARRIE single 29yr old slim pretty Care Assistant, looking for a fun guy for nights in/out, good times, love and laughter. Give me a ring. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423489

BEV 32, 5ft, petite, very pretty, trendy with a great figure and big personality, loves animals, children and WLTm fun male to be my soul mate. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423473

Single Men

REMEMBER: Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

IAN, 5ft8, medium build, OHAC, late 50s, likes most things, holidays, gardening, motorbikes, WLTm similar aged lady, 50-60, with nice personality. Tel: 0906 515 3028 Box 421345

SIMON, kind hearted, average looking chap. 44yrs, own business, sporty, fun loving. Would love to meet a genuine lady to spoil and pamper. Box: 4138405

CHRISTIAN male 51, seeking Christian female, 35-45 for friendship, possibly more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423747

STEVE, 53yr old male, laid back, likes most things in life, seeks female 40-50, for evenings out, needs some TLC in my life. Text only Mailbox: 4362854

WHITE curvy lady any age, required by handsome black professional male, for discreet casual adult fun. No time wasters pls. Text only Mailbox: 5066605

ROB, 63, 6ft, slim, own hair own teeth, young at heart, considered good looking, OHAC, solvent, so get back if you're interested. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424027

MARK 40, 5ft 9ins, brown hair/eyes, attractive, good looking, OHAC/business, likes walks, day trips, cinema, seeks similar female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 348239

HELLO I am an easy going chap and I WLTm a lady, 55-65 for a permanent relationship, so please get in touch. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424131

64 year old male, living in Northampton, WLTm a lady between 60-75, for friendship and outings. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419929

Single Women

TONY from Walsall, mid 50s, stocky build, looking to meet a lady any age/looks/race to have fun times with, so please get in touch if you're interested. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424067

MALE looking for lady for no strings adult fun on a regular basis, within 10 miles of Walsall is preferred but not essential, age/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420873

PHIL, 53, 5ft7, stocky athletic build, likes keep fit, swimming, cosy nights in, meals out, WLTm an honest attractive, caring lady, with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421385

MALE 40s, own business, professional, likes to enjoy life, clubs, pubs, cinema, gym, seeks similar female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 360283

SEAN mixed race 44, seeks female/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392363

NOTTINGHAM Steve 59, N/S, GSOH, loyal, sincere, likes meals out, cinema, walks, seeks sincere female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 401177

MALE 43 slim, non-smoker, open minded, looking for naughty liaisons with a naughty minded lady for naughty fun only. Text only Mailbox: 5543476

40YR old easy going guy, athletic and loves life is looking for some fun with a like-minded girl. Text only Mailbox: 5545609

MARK 6ft, grey hair, 49, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391454

JOHN, looking for a mature lady for relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423789

MALE, 44, very interesting person, own business, sporty, honest and genuine, likes nights out, meals out, cinema, country walks, WLTm a lady for friendship and good company leading to a permanent relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420841

47 year old guy, lots of interests, seeks female, 42-49, for LTR, in the Leamington Spa/Rugby area. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423997

PROFESSIONAL male, bent hurt before, looking for female, 30-42, give me a call. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423991

MALE, young looking 70, 5ft8, decent looking, down to earth, likes horses, driving, holidays, good company, looking for female partner to share nice things in life. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423909

DAVE genuine guy, 6ft, black hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes sports, gardening, music, seeks female with GSOH and genuine. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 388372

ATTRACTIVE open-minded male 57, seeks open-minded female any age or status to share adult fun. Text only Mailbox: 5410860

YOUNG 66-year old attractive male would love to meet lovely lady for friendship, to enjoy meals out etc. Text only Mailbox: 5536750

MALE 44, WLTm lady/single mum for friendship, maybe more. Text only Mailbox: 5535244

MALE, attractive, tall, medium build and intelligent would like to meet genuine mature caring lady who wishes for a sincere relationship. Text only Mailbox: 5537519

WELL made broad male, 5ft 10ins, medium build, looking for some adult fun with lovely sexy lady for possible LTR. Text only Mailbox: 5321154

MALE, retired, genuine, easy going, looking for a lady, 70s, who is honest with a GSOH, must be genuine and local to Coventry area, for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423959

MALE, single and handsome looking for an attractive blonde who likes socialising between age 33 and 36 for LTR. Text only Mailbox: 5535777

Customer support

Call 0207 720 7130 Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm
or email us at support@jmediauk.co.uk

http://dating.expressandstar.com

CALL CHARGES*: DATING 18+ and have the bill payer's permission. 0844 calls cost 7 pence per min, 090 calls cost £1.55 per min, plus your phone company's access charge. Calls are recorded and may appear on your bill. TEXT*: Text alerts are charged at £1.50 per week. To unsubscribe to text alerts, text DATING STOP to 63333. To cancel free match alerts, text STOP to 07781474042. For full T&Cs go to www.localdates-terms.co.uk/. REPLY BY TEXT*: 80098/89990 costs £1.50 per SMS received (max 150 characters). Guaranteed up to 4 messages for each message you send. Service only available where phone numbers are moderated. Minimum 7 messages must be sent before contact details can be exchanged. This service is not computer generated. All messages are responded to by real service users. No meetings can be guaranteed. If arranging a meeting be sure to choose a public space and do not give personal details to people you have not met. To STOP text stop to 80098/89990. Service provided by No Goats Ltd. Help: 0207 720 7130. ALL SERVICES*: By texting any shortcode you consent to the owner of that shortcode sending you the occasional marketing message. To opt out of receiving these send NO INFO to 80098. DATA PROTECTION: Service provided by JMedia UK Ltd, SW4 7BX, 0207 720 7130. We will collect the details you provide and may send you details of other services and events operated by us. We may pass your details onto this newspaper for marketing or PhonePayPlus for regulatory purposes. Advertisers may come from our national database and from our pdc app. wpc 26/09/16

funeral directors

WOMBOURNE FUNERAL SERVICES

Funeral Directors
Funerals from £1,350
plus Disbursements

Pre-paid plans. 24hr call-out
Private Chapels of Rest

Wombourne & Kinver
Memorials
Monumental Masons
Memorials from £450

Wombourne 01902 892635
Pertown 01902 756830
Kinver 01384 873499
Wall Heath 01384 274222

wombournefuneralservices.co.uk

ClassifiedAds

BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL



A TRADITION OF TRUST

We are very pleased with the service offered by the Express & Star. Our business and advertising needs are always well met.

Wombourne
Funeral Services.

TO DISCUSS YOUR ADVERTISING

NEEDS, PLEASE CALL

01902 319 191

AND SPEAK TO ONE OF

OUR DEDICATED SALES TEAM.

Brought to you by Express & Star

J.T. BROOKES

Independent family run
Funeral Directors
24 hour service

Brierley Hill 01384 77098

Kingswinford 01384 296683

Hagley 01562 888041

www.nedowning.co.uk

religious notices

christadelphian

BIBLE TEACHINGS What

happens at death, October 2, at

6pm, The Community Centre,

High Street, Kingswinford. Or

write to The Dawn (ref:KCE) 9

Station Road, Carlton, Notts.

NG4 3AT for free information

pack or ring 01384 886544 for

recorded message.

1 Family

elderly & disabled

WREKIN STAIRLIFTS recondi-

tioned lifts from £799. New avail-

able. 01952 405397/0797 273617

what's on

markets

BESCOT SUNDAY MARKET
OPEN EVERY SUNDAY
Banks's Stadium, Walsall FC
WS1 4SA, FREE PARKING, J9 M6
07899 975701 All hard standing

3 Home & Services

carpets & furnishings

WALNUT DISPLAY cabinet, pristine condition, £50. Three sets of cream curtains 5ftx7ft, lined, various prices. 01902 703528 Coven.

furniture

BROWN CORDUROY 3 piece suite, 8 months old, excellent condition, £300 ono. 01384 348971.

NEXT 3 seater sofa, coffee/cream striped, £250. Oak veneer sideboard with matching nest of 3 tables, £75. 01902 583852

TEAK CIRCULAR table, extending to oval, 4 matching chairs, as new, £35.01902 894593.

TEAK COCKTAIL cabinet and 2 drawer TV cabinet, £10 each. 01902 894593.

WHITE KITCHEN table and 2 stools, beech surround with tiles, as new, £35. 01902 894593.

household appliances

FRIDGE FREEZER excellent condition. £85. Can deliver. 07766 773231.

in your garden

2 CONCRETE castletops fencing, 2 gravel paths, 6ft, plus 3 posts, £50. 01902 337990/07951 535993.

items for sale

HAVE YOU CHECKED your advertisement today? We would respectfully remind advertisers that it is their responsibility to inform the publishers of any mistakes or inaccuracies on the first day of publication.

items wanted

ALL GOLD 9CT £300 PER OUNCE CASH PAID TODAY A GENUINE LADY BUYER

All Beswick • Daimler • Old coins • Watches • Costume Jewellery • Diamonds and Gold Coins • Clocks • Paintings • All SILVER • All Antiques • All items

Prof 47 silver coins All war medals etc ANYTHING OLD & INTERESTING

01922 495066 or 07971 783206

A ABSOLUTELY BEST price given for single items or houses cleared. Scrap Gold Jewellery. Call: 01384 482152 or 07802 475693.

A BEST CASH PRICE

FOR ALL RAILWAY COLLECTIONS

Any gauge or age Hornby / Bachmann / Bowmans / Roundhouse / Graham / Farsh / any live steam. Also Die Cast, Corgi, Dinky, Spot On.

01384 836219/07891 713547.

thetrainmaster67@hotmail.com

AIR RIFLES, SHOT GUNS, ANTIQUE GUNS, TAXIDERM - BIG BORE GUNS, TRAPS ETC WANTED.

07968 624202

ALL COLLECTIBLES from wars wanted by collector, medals, helmets, swords etc, cash paid. 01511 500337.

OLD POCKET and wrist watches wanted. All conditions. Also menders clearances, parts, etc. 01746 765278. 07773 345218.

READERS ARE ADVISED to carefully consider all of their options before agreeing to the sale of any of their items.

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635

01902 892635



A BEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR DIE CAST CARS / LORRIES / TOY SOLDIERS

Air fix, Britains, Corgi, Dinky, Spot on, Tri-ang. Best prices paid.

Any condition. Collections bought.

Telephone 01922 327897 or 07976 691563.

SPECTRUM GAMES Wanted, also any old Crash magazines wanted. 01902 892918.

t.v. / home entertainment

service

AERIAL & TV SPECIALISTS: FREE Estimates on any TV Repairs, Plasma, LCD, 3D, LED, Projection. All areas covered 5 till late. 7 days. Digital aerials, Sky installation. Wall mounts / TV setups. 07850 330251.

specialists at your service

aerials

ClassifiedAds

BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL

IT WORKS FOR ME

I am very pleased with the response I get from my Classified Advertising Contract

Steve - AA Digital Aerials

FOR GREAT BUSINESS RESULTS CALL

01902 319 191

Brought to you by Express & Star

AA DIGITAL AERIALS

AERIALS FITTED FROM £76 WE'LL BEAT ANY QUOTE

Work Guaranteed

01902 858191

01384 429166

01543 439095

01922 716029

07833 738857

alrms/security

PREMIER ALARMS

Supplied and Fitted £195 Servicing and Repairs 12 Months Warranty All areas covered All quotes beaten!

Call: 0121 601 9791

building services

DAVIES & SON BUILDERS

Over 35 years experience in the industry All aspects of building work including: Extensions, loft conversions, roofing, driveways & landscaping. Discounts offered.

01902 975992 / 07837 994465

carpet & upholstery cleaning

A CLASSY CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

OAP discount. Recession Prices. Unbeatable Value: Rooms cleaned from £10

Call Paul 07870 341089

A BRILL CLEAN for your Carpets & Suite. OAP discounts. Best Prices. Est., 20yrs. Steve 07496 922324.

double glazing

ATS DOUBLE GLAZING UPVC back doors from £2299, front doors from £389 fitted. 01922 442720.

electrical services

STEVE JONES ELECTRICAL Rewires/sockets/fuse boards etc. All domestic and commercial work. 07786 858977/01902 946167.

external rendering / insulation

EXTERIOR RENDERING. Full houses, patching, textured/smooth. 40yrs exp. Stuart 01902 324727.

fencing

PORTWAY FENCING SPECIAL OFFER

10 bays of quality fencing, concrete posts, gravel boards, HEAVY DUTY PANELS SUPPLIED AND FITTED

0121 531 5250 / 07866 137 656

Mon - Fri 8am - 4.30pm Sat 8am - 12noon

83 Parkway Rd, W'bury

www.portwayfencing.co.uk

gardening services

GARDENS TIDIED from £5 per garden. 25 years experience. Call 01902 713106 / 07813 184086.

For all your Patio's, Turfing, Decking, treework and Root grinding...

Prestwood FENCING & LANDSCAPING

Prestwood Cave Nurseries, Wolverhampton Rd, Prestwood DY7 5AN

Call us on: 01384 273586 or 07947 879403 or visit

www.prestwoodfencing.co.uk for more details

gas fitting

READERS ARE ADVISED To check that anyone carrying out any Gas work is Gas Safe Registered. It is an offence under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 to carry out gas work in the UK without being on the Gas Safe Register.

home improvements

Home Improvements Quality Bathroom and Kitchen Installation Plastering, tiling, carpentry

Greg Blackham 07739 518562 gblackham15@hotmail.co.uk

house clearances

A ABSOLUTE BEST cash price paid for house clearances and bereavement. Also removals undertaken. 07852 172641 / 07710 360327

ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING CLEARED

FULL OR PART GARAGES / SHEDS, RUBBISH REMOVED WASTE LICENCE

01384 486456 / 07711661135

plastering

M & S PLASTERING & BUILDING Services. Home/Garden Improvements. Mark or Sara: 07741 770897

painters / decorators

LOVE 2 WALLPAPER

Reliable & Friendly, Professional Female Painters & Decorators

Attention to detail, competitive prices. For the Perfect Finish with minimum hassle. Plastering & Ceiling Work Undertaken

01384 287577 or 07812 484194

www.love-2-wallpaper.co.uk

plumbing & heating

SJH PLUMBING AND HEATING Gas safe reg. all plumbing & central heating undertaken. Call for free quote: 07855 020552

removals

A & M CHEAP REMOVALS

Local Careful Firm Full or Part loads

Call Don: 07749 941319

KT REMOVALS

12 years experience. SINGLE ITEMS TO FULL LOADS. LOCAL OR DISTANCE. FULLY INSURED. Free Quotes - Call Ric on: 07771 727119

CALL DEAN NOW: For all your Removal needs. 07429 453209/ 01902 830670 / 01384 940260.

CALL IAN. Man with a large van. No job too small, no distance too far. 07973 628534, 01902 891535.

CALL PETE - MAN WITH A VAN. Removals, clearances, large/small. 01902 741546, 07899 635852.

KINGSWINFORD REMOVALS AND HOUSE CLEARANCES

We move anything. Professional service, 45 years' experience, DFS approved and we take the stress away. Please call: 07966 281957

STOURBRIDGE REMOVALS reliable, economical, free quote (07802) 876876

roofing

MG ROOFING Flat roofs, tiling, roof repairs, fascias and gutters. Call 01902 238989 / 07580 465449.

skip hire

BIG JOHN MOVES RUBBISH! No skips, we load, fast friendly service, 25 Lister Rd, Dudley DY2 8JR, Est 35 years, 01384 232359.

4 Pets & Animals

equestrian corner

ALL READERS are advised to check if Horses have the required Passport information.

guns & dogs

pets corner

GREYHOUNDS MAKE WONDERFUL PETS

All neutered, inoculated and microchipped. Call 01922 412212 or www.rgtwolverhampton.co.uk

RGT Wolverhampton @RGTWolves

FOUR KITTENS 3 black and white males, one tabby female, ready in 1 week. £25. 01902 218944.

NOTICE TO READERS

Please be aware that when purchasing a puppy there are some simple guidelines you can follow to ensure that you are not purchasing from a Puppy Farmer.

1. Try to ensure you visit the puppy whilst it is still with its Mother.

2. Do not arrange to collect a puppy from any other location than that of the breeder.

3. Ensure that you are given any KC documentation, if pedigree. Whilst Midlands News Association publications take great care to avoid publication of advertisements from Puppy Farmers we cannot accept any liability should readers purchase from this kind of establishment.

KITTENS for sale, 9 weeks old, litter trained, weaned, £20. 07765 632167.

vets

Express & Star

THIS SPACE COULD BE PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS

Every day our customers get a great response from Classified Advertising.

So could you by calling our friendly experienced Sales Advisors on 01902 319191.

5 Business & Farming

business opportunities

READERS are recommended to take appropriate professional advice before entering any obligations.

GET A FAST RESPONSE ADVERTISE

Local newspapers and websites offer the most effective combination for driving consumer action. Readers are more than twice as likely to act upon local advertisements than those on TV and social media

SOURCE: The Newspaper Society - Consumer Catalog 2014

To find out more about advertising in the Express & Star call 01902 31 31 31

Express & Star

livestock / poultry

PAIR OF BREEDING Magpie ducks, £12. Indian Runner ducks, mixed colours £7 each. 07855 769721 or 07817 957770.

WHITE GEESSE males and females for sale £5 each. Purchaser must have pool/grazing. 01902 731640.

6 Property

accommodation to let

NOTICE TO READERS It is an offence under the Accommodation Agencies Act 1953, for an Agency to charge a

properties wanted

WE PAY 100% of purchase price (EVERY TIME!)

Sell your HOUSE - SIMPLE

You agree the price, we buy the house.

- NO AGENTS FEES
- COMPLETION TO SUIT YOU
- FREE SOLICITORS
- ANY HOUSE, ANY CONDITION

0800 999 999 6

or 01902 628047 24/7 www.black-countryhomes.co.uk

Need to sell your home fast?

We can help you make a fresh start

Purchase Agreed Within 7 DAYS

ALL CIRCUMSTANCES CONSIDERED.
COMPLETE ON DATE TO SUIT
FREE VALUATION AND LEGALS
FREE FRIENDLY ADVICE
LOCAL COMPANY

MARION | PROPERTY SOLUTIONS

WHY NOT CALL US TODAY

for an informal, friendly and confidential chat?

01384 930 978

OUR LINES ARE OPEN 24/7

*Terms and Conditions apply

Home Cash Buyer

Sell today, sign today, complete when u wish

£££ RENT BACK OPTIONS £££

Houses / Land Required

Ring Paul 24/7 Local **07870 341 089**

Sandwell area: Call 0121 696 4154
Walsall & Cannock area: Call 01922 432049
Wolverhampton: Call 01902 489901
www.homecashbuyer.co.uk

Classified Ads BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL

IT WORKS FOR ME

We have been advertising in the Express & Star and Chronicles for over 20 years and consider it a key part of our business with the regular flow of calls, which our advertising generates.

Black Country Homes

FOR GREAT BUSINESS RESULTS CALL **01902 319 191**

Brought to you by **Express & Star**

Classified Ads BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL

IT WORKS FOR ME

"I am really pleased with the response I get from my Classified Advertising!"

Paul Westwood - Home Cash Buyer

FOR GREAT BUSINESS RESULTS CALL **01902 319 191**

Brought to you by **Express & Star**

7 Jobs

employment wanted

HGV DRIVER seeks work, very experienced, Class 1, 2 or 3. Anything considered, any trade. 01922 512935.

I AM LOOKING FOR Part Time Cleaning. Mornings Only. Box Number P20557, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

8 Motoring

cars over £1500

RETIRED TIME SERVED CARPENTER / JOINER Requires casual / part time work.

Own van / tools. Telephone 01384 375672 or 07527 360303.

CONVERTIBLE RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 Dynamique, 56 reg, electric roof/windows, CL, alloys, silver, MoT January 2017, good condition. £1,275. 07961 589264.

ALFA ROMEO MITO

1.6 JTDm Lusso, Diesel, 2009, black, 77K miles, FSH, 6 months MoT, Bluetooth, a/c, great MPG, good condition, £3,850 ono. 07967213314

AUDI A1

1.6TDI, SE SPORTSBACK

5-dr, FSH, MoT June, 2 remote control keys, 15,630 miles, mechanically warranted, usual standard features, free tax. £9,750 ono. 07916 252817.

MUST BE SEEN

CHEVROLET AVEO LS

2010, 58,000 miles, grey, all doors electric windows, air con, clean, genuine car, £2,100 ono. 01384 860080. 07701 324442.

FIAT MULTIPLA 6 SEATER

1.9 JTD Eleganza, 2006, 2 owners, 83,000 miles, MoT till 2017, very clean. £2,100. 07730 596969.

EXCELLENT CONDITION

FORD FOCUS

TITANIUM TDCi

6 speed, 5dr, 2012, 2 owners, FSH, 89,000 miles, silver, all extras, full MoT. Superb value. £5,995. 07546 779139.

MUST BE SEEN

LEXUS 450 H Hybrid

56, blue, fully loaded, one private owner. £4,500 ono. 07794 450416.

Small part ex taken

IDEAL FIRST CAR

PEUGEOT 107 URBAN

2009, 5dr hatchback, 11 months MoT, EW, CL, immaculate condition, £20pa tax, £2,150 ono. 07742 904992.

PRESTIGE

MERCEDES SL350

AUTOMATIC, CONVERTIBLE

54 reg, 72,000 miles, FSH, Obsidian Black, with cream leather, power hood, panoramic glass roof, anti roll bar wind deflector, alloys, sat nav, Xenon lights, 2 keys, Absolutely pristine. £9,999. 07836 204450. deolsuk@hotmail.co.uk

MUST BE SEEN

PEUGEOT 207 SPORT

CIELO 8V 1.4

2008, 5 door, hatchback. Petrol. Panasonic sunroof. 12 months MoT. 76,000 miles. £1,700 ono. 07738 050569.

VW POLO 1.2 S

2005, 82,000 miles. ABS. Electric windows, A/C. Alarm. Long MoT. Alloy wheels. £1,850 ono. 07538 750391.

VAUXHALL ASTRA

2012, 36,000 miles, brown, long MoT, metallic paint, central locking, £5,000 ono. 01922 410023.

VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2

2007, red. AC, EW, CD player. 69,694 miles. Great condition. £2,300. 07506 554903.

VW POLO MATCH

2012, Black. 8 months MoT. FSH. 30,500 miles. Good condition. £6,600. 07986 993948.

cars under £1500

ADVERTISERS ARE REMINDED

that the Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order of 1977 requires that advertisements must clearly differentiate between Private and Trade.

IDEAL FIRST CAR

FIAT SEICENTO S

Y Reg., 2002, 1108cc. 3Dr hatchback. Blue, only 37,000 miles, MoT, radio/CD. Economical, very reliable. Very good condition all round. £550 o.n.o. 07491 068850.

FORD FIESTA 1.3 2001, 3dr, hatchback, 69,000 miles, MoT February, blue, reliable, £295. 0121 384 7888.

MGF 2 seater sports car, lots spent, 6 months MoT, R reg, no rust, very good condition, cream leather interior, £895 ono. 07759 827185.

ROVER 75 Connoisseur Estate, auto diesel, 54 reg, fsh, full MoT, good condition, £595. Telephone 07827 532288.

MUST BE SEEN

FORD FOCUS GHIA ZETEC

1800cc, 5-dr, S reg, service history, 103,000 miles, MoT Jan 2017, recent new tyres, superb to drive. Very good condition. £595 ono. 07983 235854. 0121 532 0175.

BARGAIN

NISSAN MICRA 1995 1.0

MoT April 2017. Good runner. £295. 07939 469224.

MUST BE SEEN

ROVER 420 SDI TURBO HATCH

R reg. MoT March 17. Service History. Good condition. Reliable. Clean Car. £350 ono. 01384 231222 / 07792 286882.

MUST BE SEEN

VAUXHALL ASTRA DIESEL

58 plate, good condition, silver, 5-dr, 12 months MoT. £1,395 ono. 07948 309727.

AUTOMATIC

VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 LS

1996, Automatic, 46,000 miles. Five door. PAS, 12 months MoT. A1 condition. £575. 07923 132859.

BARGAIN

VAUXHALL CORSA 1800CC SRI 2003 PETROL

Mot March 17. Black. Fully alarmed. Alloys. Good, reliable car. Rado. CD. E/W. High miles but looked after. Same family for last four years. Any inspection. Private sale. Quick sale £595. 01902 262001 / 07928 679949.

VAUXHALL VECTRA 1.8 2000, hatch, MoT. Very sound and well maintained by present owner 7 years. Totally reliable, £350 ono. 01785 841187.

IMMACULATE

VW BORA 2.0 S

2002. Blue. MoT to end of May. One owner. Immaculate condition. £650 o.n.o. 01902 753323.

1ST TO SEE WILL BUY

VW LUPO 1.4

52 reg., 3-dr, red, very good runner, very clean inside / out, low mileage, recent cambelt, 12 months MoT. £995 ono. 07536 100153.

MUST BE SEEN

VW POLO 1.4 AUTO

51 reg., 43,000 miles, FSH, silver. £695 ono. SOLD.

classic cars

WANTED, CLASSIC Cars. Private cash buyer. Instant cash settlement. Any age. Any condition. 01630 652953 or 07773 462797.

commercial vehicles

BARGAIN VANS small / medium / large £995-£5995 inc vat 12mth MoT 01902 451877 / 07944 640999

driving tuition

Homer's

10 Hours £391 Five Hours £501 2 Hours £201 All Areas Covered AD/PO REQUIRED. Gift vouchers available for £10 07422 458100 / 01562 870650 01384 234954 / 0121 5640090 01902 580805 www.homersdrivingschool.co.uk

motorbikes

EXCELLENT CONDITION

HARLEY DAVIDSON SPORTSTER XLH1200

2001, American import in 2015, red, MoT, really nice bike to ride. £3,800. 01952 812165 (Newport).

EXCELLENT CONDITION

WANTED OLD BRITISH MOTORCYCLE for restoration, also any old Norton single parts. Telephone 01922 415137.

scrap vehicles

OUR ADVERTISERS are reminded that it is an offence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 to buy scrap cars/metal for cash.

MCB

TOP PRICES PAID FOR ALL SCRAP CARS, VANS, BIKES, CLASSICS

Tel: 01902 408176

1000's of parts available at all times

MONMORE RD, WV1 2TZ

A BETTER PRICE for scrap or damaged cars and commercials. Spares for sale. NINE LOCKS VEHICLE DISMANTLERS LTD Brierley Hill 01384 76566 or 70553. Evenings 75397. DY5 3JZ.

vehicles wanted

alan reed cars

Used cars wanted for cash Top prices paid. HP settled. Buyer could call. 01562 711083 / 07831 245313

CROWN MOTORS guarantee best price for your unwanted cars/vans. 07905 549849, buyer will call.

spares & accessories

accessories & services

REGISTRATION PLATE Number UHT 800 for sale £450 assignment fee already paid included in the price. 01902 831158

clutches / brakes / gearboxes

A CLUTCH CHANGE MOBILE

30 yrs experience

ALL AREAS COVERED

Call Bob 01384 251328 or 07972 169554 anytime

For Example: Citroen C1, C2, C3 Hyundai 110 Toyota Yaris Clio's & Micras Ring for quotes on others!

9 Local Information

public & legal notices

LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICES

For convenience you may fax any advertising requirements to Marie Hogg on 01902 713146 or email marie.hogg@expressandstar.co.uk (remember to include a name/contact number for confirmation of receipt)

STEPHANIE MARY DERRETT (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 27 Church Street, Hagley, West Midlands, DY9 0NA, who died on 17/04/2016, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 08/12/2016, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Thursfields, 14 & 27 Church Street, Kidderminster, Worcs DY10 2AH. Ref: KJ/CLM/D03632/0003

10 Personals

personal

ARE YOU FREE TO TRAVEL?

Would you like a free vacation? Our boss has recently become single and has to travel to his home in Canada and would like someone to accompany him as a companion. This would be a great trip with all expenses paid. He must also visit our Company's operations in Missouri. Contact Kim on 07702 821961.

LATE 70'S WHITE GENT

Would like to meet curvey lady, for fun, friendship and relationship, between 40-70 years.

Box Number P20556, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

LONELY MAN

Looking for a companion to share his home, based on a comfortable companionship with both working hard to make a success of a friendship that would have a lot of attractive aspects.

If this appeals to you and you are between 35-50, please reply to sarah.walker.2016 @outlook.com with details, photo and contact number to talk through to see if we could establish a happy sharing situation.

general

HAVE YOU CHECKED your advertisement today? We would respectfully remind advertisers that it is their responsibility to inform the publishers of any mistakes or inaccuracies on the first day of publication.

GENUINE GUY 57

With varied interests would like to meet lady 40+ for a loving relationship, must be honest, caring and loyal.

For days/nights in or out. A recent photo please and will return.

Box Number P20555, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

LOOKING FOR MY SON

Born October 1954 in Brosely, Mr A Lewis.

Last seen in Wolverhampton. Please get in touch.

Box Number P20554, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

SELL IT FAST SELL IT LOCAL

01902 317878

Classified Ads

Darren swears to his wife his wedding suit still fits.

(He swears a lot more when he tries to do it up)

A CLUTCH CHANGE MOBILE

30 yrs experience

ALL AREAS COVERED

Call Bob 01384 251328 or 07972 169554 anytime

For Example: Citroen C1, C2, C3 Hyundai 110 Toyota Yaris Clio's & Micras Ring for quotes on others!

Advertising Standards Authority

ASA



Darren Fletcher presents Tony Pulis with a Ship's Decanter to commemorate his 1000th match as a manager



Baggies head coach Tony Pulis points the way from the sidelines



Pulis during his days as manager of Stoke City

Hard graft key as Pulis reaches grand milestone

SPORTING FEATURE

By Matt Wilson

'OUT of all the family, I was the lucky one, I was the one that got out, so I don't regret anything and I don't want for anything.'

Last Saturday was a landmark one for Albion head coach Tony Pulis as he marked his 1,000th game in management after 24 years at the coalface.

And although he's divided opinion among supporters for the majority of that time, he's also climbed up the divisions to become one of the most recognisable characters in British football.

It's been a long journey from humble beginnings in Pill-gwenly, South Wales.

"There were eight of us living in a three-bedroom terraced house, and if mum ran out of milk she would go next door and the neighbour would give her a bottle of milk," he reminisces.

"That would happen through the street, through the area, everybody helped everybody.

"I remember the miners' strike in the early 70s, nobody could get coal, or this or that, and people went round houses. If people were short, people would look after them."

That community spirit has stuck with Pulis ever since, and it shines through in his football ethos.

The 58-year-old has witnessed many changes in the game over the past quarter of a century, but there are some constants, like teamwork and hard graft.

Reputation

"I have always instilled – which is so important to me as a manager of people – the DNA get on together," he said. "Everyone was prepared to work together, and everyone either won or lost together."

The former Stoke boss is well aware of his reputation, and the lazy pundits who label his tactics 'anti-football'.

Modern Premier League football is a pantomime, with heroes and villains, and it's all too easy to cast Pulis as the latter because of his 'agricultural' approach.

But if it was that simple then surely the coach who's never been relegated would have been found out by now.

"People say about me and my style of play," he says. "I tell you what I do, I go into football clubs, try and find out

"I go into football clubs, try and find out what systems suit those players and try to get the damnedest out of the players."

what systems suit those players and try to get the damnedest out of the players. That's what I've done everywhere I've been.

"If I've got a load of centre-halves who can't pass, you don't want them to pass out from the back. You have to look at the strengths and work around that."

Is it irritating though, being one of the longest-serving managers in British football, but saddled with such a one-dimensional reputation?

"That is life, you get pigeon-holed and you accept it or you fight it. I have accepted it, that is what people think. There is enough people out there that see it differently."

Although he's quick to point out how lucky he's been, there is a slight annoyance that he's never been given the best squad, in any division.

Gillingham, Portsmouth, Plymouth; they were all struggling when he took charge, and he left all three in a better position. The same can be argued for Stoke and Crystal Palace.

One day, he'd love 'the opportunity of working with real quality'. "The basic principles would remain," he assures. "But you'd give them more leeway to express themselves and make decisions themselves."

The closest he ever came to that was at Palace, when the style evolved into something more exciting, more entertaining. "Palace is an ideal scenario," he said. "When I went

there, the players and the team were all over the place. We managed to get some players in during the window. But during that early time the biggest thing was finding a way to win."

There have also been some memorable scraps. He refused to go into detail about specific incidents – like the infamous naked head-butt on striker James Beattie – but he did say: "If someone has been top cock, I've knocked him down. Some respond, some don't. As Cloughie used to say, there's no room for two big heads in this club."

But football has changed since the days of Brian Clough. There are no more dressing room brawls, no more pinning players against the wall.

"There was a time and place for that, but that was years ago," said Pulis. "There are times when I still lose my temper and go after one or two players but it would never come to that. You couldn't do it."

Money has changed the dynamics of football, and not necessarily for the better. Pulis says players are 'film stars' now, paid extortionate amounts of cash far too young, and it is detrimental to their development as people.

Money

His solution? A day working in the local industry to bring them back down to earth.

"One day at Stoke we took them to the pots," he said. "Show them what kids will have to do when they leave school rather than playing football, being given 30 pairs of boots, being paid a lot of money. They need a reality check."

Although it's been nearly a quarter of a century in various hot seats, Pulis has no plans of retiring any time soon, there's plenty more petrol left in the tank.

The passion still burns away inside, and the defeats still hurt as much.

"I've got a little room which I just go in," he revealed. "There is a just a television in there and my wife brings my food and a glass of wine. Then she leaves me till the next morning."

But the fiery coach has mellowed with age, thanks in part to the arrival of grandchildren. "They are lovely, they bring you back down to earth."



The former Gillingham, Portsmouth, Plymouth and Crystal Palace boss has reached the 1,000 game landmark



Pulis on his appointment as Baggies boss in January 2015



SPORTS DESK 01902 319531

CHRON.SPORT@EXPRESSANDSTAR.CO.UK

It's not over says boss after defeat

WILL Pottinger has refused to press the panic button after seeing his Cradley side slip to defeat in Manchester.

Cradley wrapped up their regular leave programme at the new National Speedway Stadium with 50-40 reverse and head into a vital week of Knockout Cup and play-off action.

Boss Pottinger said: "It's never nice to lose but the boys did their best at a track they've never seen before.

"Nathan Greaves came back in as a guest and did a good job for us and Ash Morris was superb as ever.

"I'm looking forward to next week now when Max Clegg is back with us and we can give it a good push.

"Hopefully they've come out of this better riders for the experience.

"It's so vital at this stage in the season, particularly with the play-offs looming, that you don't go dropping points unnecessarily.

Underdogs

"We're looking forward now to the business end of the season. We've got some tough matches ahead with some very good teams.

"We are the underdogs but that's something we're happy to be.

"Our target at the start of the year was at minimum to get into the top four, which we've done, but now we're there we want to go all the way and win the league, rather than end with a damp squib."

Belle Vue 50: Matt Williamson 14, Jack Smith 12+1, Lee Payne 12+1, David Holt 5+2, Tom Woolley 5, Andy Mellish 2+2, Dan Bewley r/r

Cradley 40: Ashley Morris 12, Nathan Greaves 11+1, Bradley Andrews 6+1, Tom Perry 5, Richard Andrews 4+1, Joe Lawlor (No.8) 1+1, Ben Basford 1, James Purchase r/r

Glassboys back to winning ways as Whitby scuppered

Stourbridge 2 Whitby 1

STOURBRIDGE returned to winning ways as goals from Luke Benbow and Leon Broadhurst wrecked Whitby Town's unbeaten start to the season.

The Glassboys struck in both halves to secure their first win in three league games against the high-flying Yorkshire visitors who were left to rue Matthew Tymon's fluffed spot-kick.

The breakthrough arrived on 28 minutes as Benbow latched on to a defence-splitting pass before rounding keeper Shane Bland and slotting into the net.

Town should have hauled themselves level just before half-time when forward Dave Hopson fell under a challenge in Stour's box and referee Matthew Smith pointed to the spot. But Tymon's penalty was blocked by the legs of keeper Matt Gould.

The miss was punished by the hosts on 74 minutes when Broadhurst tapped in from close range after Bland could only palm Drew Canavan's effort into his path. But Town halved the deficit barely a minute later.

Yozza secures place in the Grand Slam

TIPTON'S Jamie Hughes has ensured there will be a Black Country presence at the PDC's Grand Slam of Darts in Wolverhampton this year.

'Yozza' secured his debut place at the ninth annual Civic Hall event, from November 12 to 20, through his BDO ranking.

BDO champion Scott Waites is one of four who qualify automatically and is the only thrower from the organisation to have won the Grand Slam, in 2010.

World Championship runner-up Jeff Smith, World Masters winner Glen Durrant and World Trophy titlist Darryl Fitton are also in.

Darts

'Yozza' is only the second Black Country thrower to take part at the Grand Slam after Wolverhampton's Wayne Jones, who is attached to the PDC. The final field will be determined on Monday October 24.

Tickets for the eight-day event are on sale now, by calling the Civic Box Office on 0870 320 7000 or online via www.theticketfactory.com/pdc

Meanwhile, Tipton's throwers led the way over a busy three days of non-televised 'floor' action on the BDO circuit with Jamie Hughes, Scott Baker

and Ian Jones all putting together sterling runs. They travelled to the Spa in Bridlington to take part in the BDO British Open and British Classic.

Hughes first teamed up with James Hurrell for the Open men's pairs competition, where they reached the semi-finals.

The Classic men's singles followed, with Baker and Jones making it through to the group stages. Baker went out 4-2 to Paul Jennings. 'Whippet' Jones made the semi-finals, but lost 5-3 to Mark McGeeney. Play culminated with the Open men's singles, with Hughes winning his group and Baker reaching the last 16.

STOUR IN A HURRY TO WIN

Stourbridge 45 Scunthorpe 20
STOURBRIDGE had the game and bonus-point sewn up by half-time after a first-half blitz of high-tempo rugby kept the visitors on the back foot.

Poor discipline and a rash of substitutions saw Stour's game lose shape in the second half as they found themselves yellow-carded down to 13 men. Grasping their opportunity the visitors clawed back three tries but the game ended with centre Joe Heatley securing his second successive try double for Stour.

Heatley ran straight through unchecked to score with barely a minute played and Stour held off the visitors' attacking drives at the expense of penalty awards, one of which was successfully converted by centre Will Robinson.

Scunthorpe again failed to deal with the restart kick as prop Mark George collected. A set of forward drives brought the tryline in sight and captain Ciaran Moore barged over.

Quick

A penalty for offside was kicked to the corner and Stour executed a catch and drive that was brought to ground illegally, a quick tap penalty kept the move alive and Chris Depper crashed through. Stour ran the restart back, scrum-half Ben Tibbetts squeezing through gaps. The drive reached Scunthorpe's 22 and moved wide but Heatley just overcooked his cut-out pass to the unmarked Moore. An interchange with hooker Sam Wilkes brought the bonus-point try for flanker Nigel Mukarati.

Moore broke free again, Tibbetts was only denied a try by a tackle off the ball, the supporting Wilkes touching down instead and Scunthorpe fullback Colin Chapman yellow carded. The visitors produced a try for second row Nick Syddall. A Stour counter-attack saw Tibbetts feed a scoring switch pass to winger Ash Elvers.

Stourbridge lost Harding to the sinbin and Scunthorpe took advantage with a try for flanker Ash Dibden. Stour were further reduced with winger Joe Bridger also yellow carded and there was further try for visitors' centre Sam Morgan, followed by a final Stour flourish that produced a second try Heatley for after a break by full-back Max Fellows.



Stourbridge flanker Nigel Mukarati on the charge to gain a bonus point against Scunthorpe

Draws for chess teams in league action

BOTH Stourbridge chess teams were away in the Birmingham League.

A full strength first team faced a South Birmingham in division 2 and stood a good chance of winning as their opponents were missing several key players.

Greg Dyett on board 1 and

Nic Fallowfield on board 2 both won while boards 3 and 4 drew but the players on boards 5 and 6 lost so the result was a 3-3 draw.

Stourbridge seconds only had five players for the division 3 trip to Lichfield on Thursday, but two hours before the match, John Foxall became available

so Stourbridge travelled with a decent team. Jeremy Humphries won by default on board 3 which was disappointing as he had travelled all the way from Bromsgrove to play.

John Foxall won on board 1 and Tony Shaw and Colin Woodall both drew, so Stour came away with a share of the points.

It's a peak performance by Sprague

IT was a busy week for athletes from Dudley Kingswinford Running club with some stand out performances over some unorthodox distances.

Andy Sprague travelled to the Lake District to take part in the 3x3000 ultra, a fell race over three Cumbrian peaks with summits topping 3000 feet, hence the name. The course covered 80k, 50 miles, of undulating terrain over Scafell Pile, Helvellyn and Skiddaw with a total ascent of 4000 metres. Sprague came home in a respectable 19th in 13.08.18.

Closer to home Samantha Hemming was also dipping her toe into the ultra waters by taking part in the JW Ultra, a 30 miler between Stratford-upon-Avon and Bournville finishing in 6.31.39. Dave Hickman finished the Stafford 10k in 45.13 to take 158th place.

The majority of the club's racers were at Sutton Park to take part in the Midland Counties Road Relays, rubbing shoulders against the best in the area. The ladies fielded two teams of four runners, each covering a distance of 4.33k, and the men turned out almost three complete teams of six over their 5.88k legs.

The ladies A team of Helen Tromans (17.26), Sarah Cox (21.58), Jane Campbell (22.19) and Charlotte Tonks (24.27) finished in a total time of 1.26.10 to come 62nd.

The B team of Sarah Krivosic (25.38), Vanessa Morrison (28.20), Leah Robbins (28.03) and Lisa Perkins 28.00 came home in 1.50.01 finishing 83rd.

The men's A team posted a best performance finishing in 47th place, Dave Norman (21.53), Darran Bishop (22.51), Stuart Perkins (21.32), Simon Blizard (23.11), Simon Hughes (22.57) and Matt Biggs (20.42) finishing in a total time of 2.13.06. The B team came home in 2.30.58 to finish 79th.

Yeltz tough it out for point on road

Barwell 0 Halesowen Town 0

YELTZ extended their unbeaten run to three Evo-Stik Premier games with a gritty performance in difficult conditions. They had to contend with a swirling wind, which meant chances were at a premium for both sides, although Halesowen had the first on 23 minutes when Kennedy Digie saw a shot cleared off the line by Declan Towers.

After the break, Malcolm Melvin went close to scoring against his old club but Barwell keeper Max Smith-Varnham was equal to his free-kick. Lee Chilton cheekily tried to lob Smith-Varnham but he got back to tip the ball over.

★★★

The Chronicle, a Midland News Association Ltd publication, printed by the company at Ketterly, Telford, Thursday, September 29, 2016



Domino's®

01384 374666

Stourbridge Industrial Estate,
Mill Race Lane, Stourbridge DY8 1JN

Opening Hours: Sun-Thurs 11.30 am-11 pm,
Fri-Sat 11.30 am-12 midnight

Stourbridge

INSIDE: YOUR REGULAR CHRONICLE

CHRONICLE



Thursday, September 29, 2016

Read by more than 57,000 people

Price when sold 60p

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

Free Bracelet



Receive a free bracelet from a fabulous new selection with purchases from £125-£145*

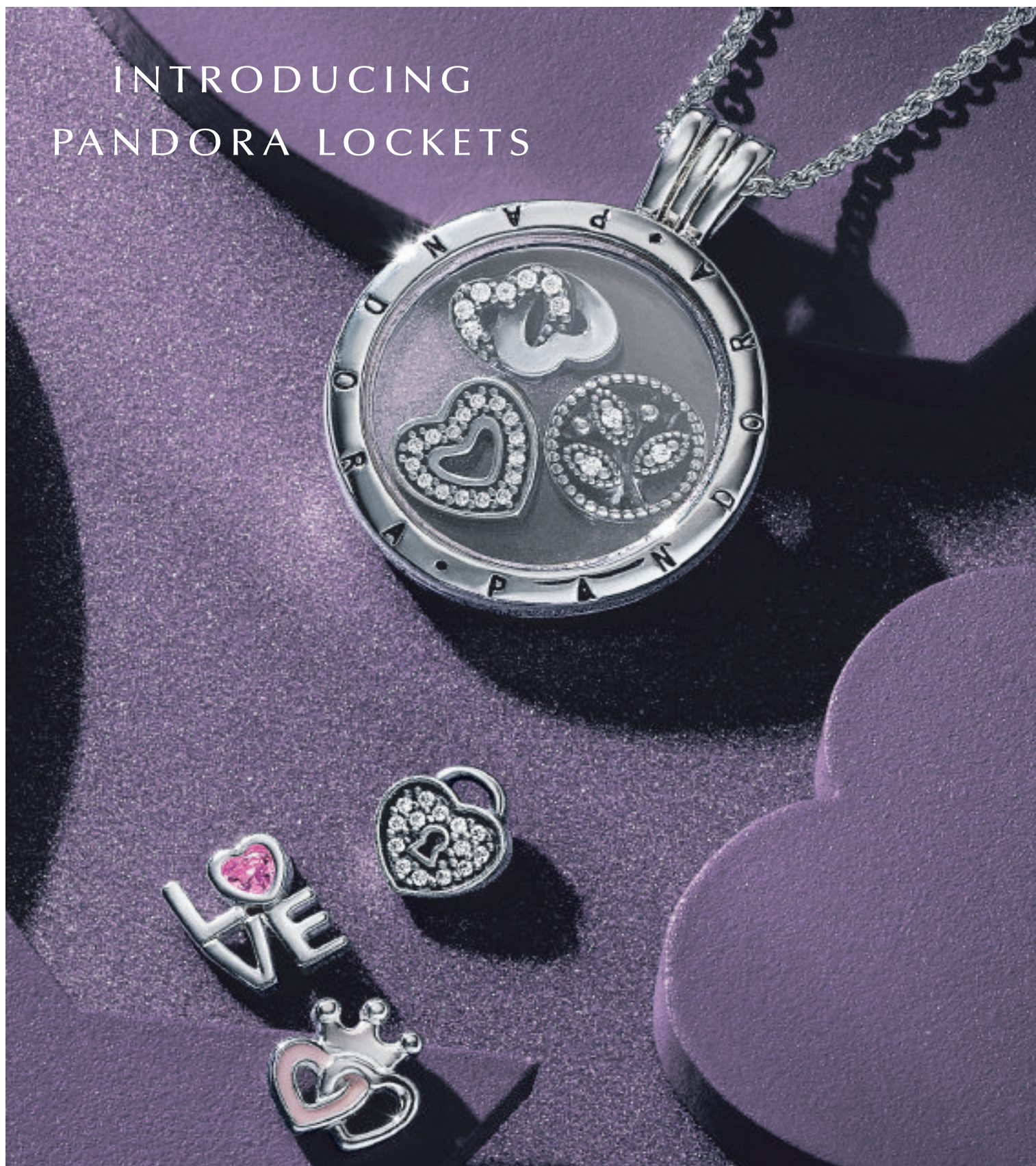
Available instore and online**

29th September - 2nd October

PANDORA

*Free bracelet with qualifying purchase. Spend £125 and receive either Moments Silver Clasp Bracelet (590702HV, £55 RRP), Silver Bracelet with Heart-Shaped Clasp (590719, £55 RRP), Silver Bangle Bracelet (590713, £55 RRP) or Moments Smooth Silver Clasp Bracelet (590728, £55 RRP) at no additional charge. Spend a further £20 for the choice of Silver Bracelet, PANDORA Rose Clasp (580702, £65 RRP), Pave Heart Moments Silver Bracelet (590727CZ, £75 RRP), Moments Silver Bracelet, Signature CZ Clasp (590723CZ, £75 RRP). Excludes purchases of Gift Cards, Jewellery Boxes, Care Kits, Polishing Cloths and Repair Services. The choice of bracelet is subject to availability during the time of the promotion. Promoter: PANDORA Jewellery UK Limited, registered in England and Wales. Company number 06654012. Registered Office 33 George Street London, W1U 3BH. **Available at PANDORA eSTORE (<http://estore-uk.pandora.net/>), PANDORA stores and participating official stockists. England, Scotland and Wales only. Terms and conditions apply, visit www.pandora.net for full details.

INTRODUCING PANDORA LOCKETS



PANDORA Merry Hill
Unit 48 Upper Mall, Merry Hill
Shopping Centre, West Mids, DY5 1QX
Be inspired at pandora.net

PANDORA

FOR ALL THE UNIQUE FACETS OF YOU



PANDORA Merry Hill
Unit 48 Upper Mall, Merry Hill
Shopping Centre, West Mids, DY5 1QX
Be inspired at pandora.net

PANDORA



T. H. BAKER

Family Jewellers
Est. 1888

MERRY HILL | Merry Hill Shopping Centre
West Midlands DY5 1QX
01743 354334

An exclusive engagement collection, lovingly
created by the fifth generation of our family.

Handpicked diamonds combined with high quality
precious metals. The perfect engagement ring in a
selection of stunning settings, alongside unique made
to order pieces. With the truly personal service we've
been giving our customers since 1888.